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Terri,

Well this is the last time I'll get to sign your^{and} and it's definitely sad! Me and you have been through quite a lot but we'll survive and always have. I know I never need to worry about you and if you'll succeed because I know you will accomplish everything you set out to do. I hope that everything you set out to do goes your way because you deserve the very best in life. Even after we go our separate ways, we will always keep in touch. Over the years we will look back and remember all the funny crazy things we did and probably think they really weren't that funny. I'll always remember nick-names we found for other people and each other for trying to put up with each



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You are extra special! Several high school students prove their specialties as they indulge themselves with banana splits at the Fall Festival.

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Van Alstyne 1986

Before . . .

Before we rung in the new year, we had some unfinished business to take care of. Besides the uncountable days of school left to attend, there were places to go and people to meet.

The beginning of every year revolves around football season and the anticipation of what is to follow. Afterwards, basketball begins and the new year is only a few months away. Depending on the amount of effort and hard work put into these endeavors, they can be a success. In our case, determination, hard work, and Panther pride helped us to excel in every area of 1986. We did not always win, no one ever does, but our best was given and that was enough. A few examples of our success involve football and basketball. Our football team advanced to Area, and both girls and boys basketball teams advanced to the playoffs. We met the requirements to be a winning school no matter what the scoreboard said or who was holding the blue ribbon. However, the sad thing about it, the one problem that really upsets us, is that unfortunately, **NO ONE DOES IT LIKE WE DO.**

Dime a dozen! Jr. Jana Lightfoot helps support her class by selling balloons at the annual Fall Festival in October. Although the Juniors worked hard, the Senior class took first place.





I'm open, Craig. Sr. Jay Cooper (30) waits patiently for a pass from teammate Craig Page during a game against Aubrey. The Panthers beat Aubrey 40-29.



Right or wrong? Mrs. Deborah Nance, Annual Advisor, checks a layout drawn by Sr. Brandt Wright at an annual staff workshop at Texas Women's University.

Try, try again! Soph. Laura Woodroof has a problem with a computer program designed to alphabetize the index for the annual.



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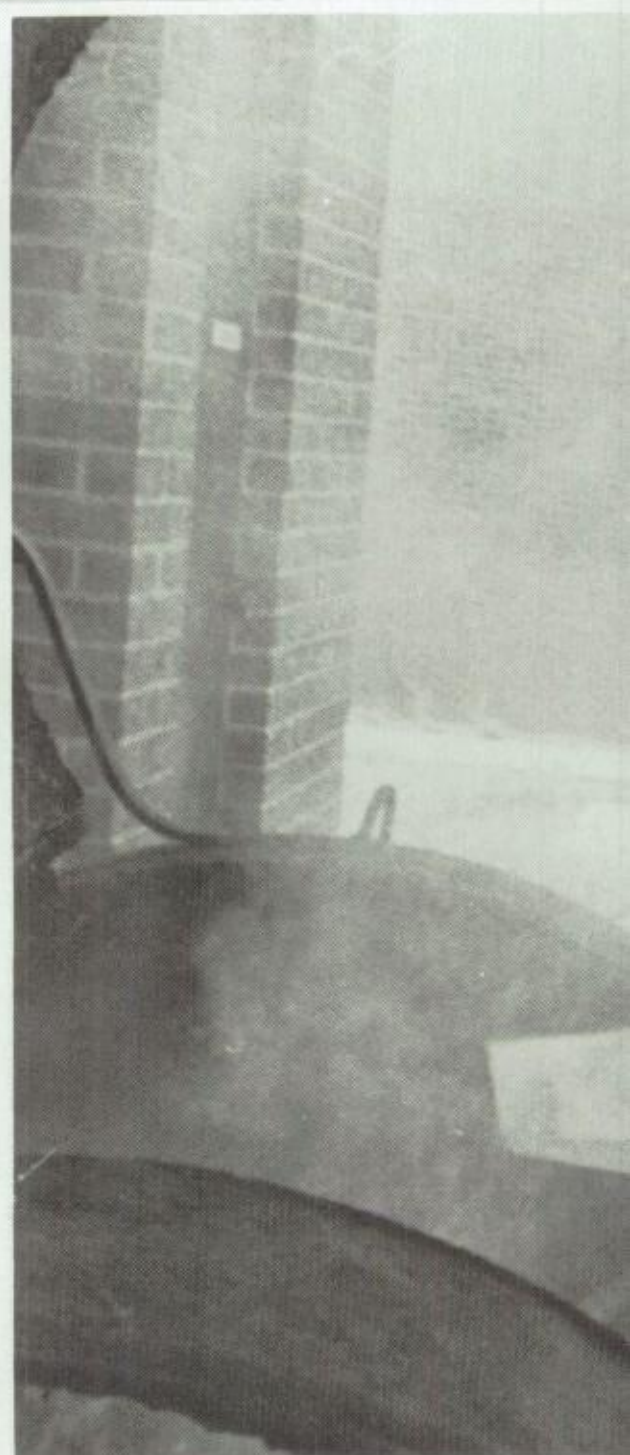
Done Like Never Before

Classrooms provide the environment that broadens one's horizons, makes one not only want to reach for the stars but the moon too??? Yes, this is the goal of every "dweeb" in town, but the students at Van Alstyne prefer a different point of view.

This point of view includes not only having fun inside the classroom but outside as well. The school year is filled with many activities to keep students on the go. Fall Festival and Homecoming play a major role during the first months of

school. Toward mid February seniors are looking forward to May 29 (graduation) as the upper classmen wait patiently for prom night.

Each of these activities is able to create the memories that every student remembers as the best of times. Going to the prom with that special person or graduating at the top of the class serve as just a few. However, when the tables turn as they did this year, each activity **DONE LIKE NEVER BEFORE**, the outcome proves to be what memories are definitely made of.





Whopper double cheese please! Student Council President, Derek Bengtson, and sponsor, Mrs. Howard, help prepare hamburgers for the Hamburger Supper held in October before the Howe football game.

Blue, white forever! Several high school students helped cheer the Panther football team to the Area playoff game by displaying the proud Panther colors.

Out With The Old . . .

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Van Alstyne High School's Fifty Year Reunion on September 20, 1986, brought to m i n d

memories of the past, times of the present and thoughts of the future.

Graduates came from all over, the oldest being Prudence Haven of California, from the Class of 1941. Many things were different than they are now. Latin was taught and the only sport girls could participate in was basketball. There was not a band class but private lessons were given during the day. There were

also services at the chapel every morning. Mimi Dixon, a graduate said, "We rode our horses eleven miles to school and tied them up outside. If it rained or the weather was bad I spent the night at my best friend's house because it was too far to go home."

Another factor of the Fifty Year Reunion was the dedication ceremony for the new cafetorium and Middle School. School Board President, David Bengtson, said, "It took two years to plan for and was completed last summer." He and others gathered for the ceremony which was followed by a barbecue dinner.

In addition to it being Van Alstyne's reunion it was also Homecoming Day.

There was no Homecoming then but the big football game was on Thanksgiving Day. It was Coach C.E. Padgett's first year and they were playing their rivals, Whitewright. Coach Padgett said, "As a coach at Van Alstyne, I have many fine memories of the school and the students in it. I'm glad I spent five years here." One of those memories is that the football players had to wear leather helmets, buy their own shoes and take cold showers."

Last year on Homecoming Day, in addition to the annual dance for the High School, there was also a dance for all the past graduates. There was music from all the way back to the twenties on up to the eighties.

The golden oldies. Ladies from the classes in the roaring twenties remember the Good Ole' Days of high school.





A thousand words. Returning graduate shares pictures of friends and family at the reception that was held following the dedication ceremony.



Just a little higher. Mr. Motley and Mr. Matthews uncover the sign at the new W.A. Denton ag barn that is dedicated at the opening of the reunion.



Balloons \$.15 cents. Senior Justin Buckner decorates for the big dance after the Homecoming game. The dance for the graduates was held in the cafetorium.

Here she comes. Sr. Holly Owen and court are escorted around the field after the crowning ceremony.

Homecoming court Srs. Marla Wise, Robin Aly, Holly Owen, Shelly Morgan, and Lisa DeHaven.



Watch the dust! Student Council members Brant Wright, Tiffany Cook, Shelly Morgan, Derek Bengtson, and Justin Buckner decorate the student center for the dance after the game.





.... And In With The New!

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Bulldogs, the graduates from over fifty years past were reunited, and Senior Holly Owen was crowned Homecoming Queen. Holly said, "When they announced my name

Many memories were made at the game, **the boys were victorious over the Royse City**

over the P.A. System and everyone cheered for me I really felt special."

With each new year comes changes. This year the game was played on a Saturday instead of the traditional Friday, in order to accomodate the reunion participants. Sr. Ashley Stinton said, "I feel like it was too crowded but thank goodness we won."

One of the most exciting things about any event in a small town is getting together with old friends. Faye

Carter (Buckner), an ex-graduate, said, "Seeing everyone was great and it brought back a lot of memories."

Teacher Kathey Mitchell said, "The people of Van Alstyne have always worked together to accomplish several goals. This unity has created a bond which is more stronger than those found in most communities. This bond causes people to want to come home to those with whom they have shared so much."



Hugs from Daddy. Bill Owen congratulates his daughter, Holly, after she is named Homecoming Queen.

It's time to start the clock. Sr. Derek Bengtson throws a pass to Sr. Jay Cooper in the finale of the Senior Review.

Play it again, Sam. Seniors Danny Denton and Ashley Stinton kiss *again* after Mr. Wade replaces the crowns on the *proper* heads.



Community Benefits From Annual Fall Festival

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"I liked Fall Festival, I got to see a real prince and princess kissing. It was fun." Said Frederick Laur-

ant, a foreign exchange student.

The scene is set. **Diamonds, dollars, and delicacies** fill the air as another Fall Festival is under way.

Every year raffles are a big part of this time. A popular item this year was the diamond necklace that was the fourth grade class's

item. The necklace was courtesy of Grissom's Mine. To make it even more special, the recipient was Brad Gaskill, a fourth grader. Brad said, "It felt kind of weird to win a diamond necklace and I haven't done anything with it yet but I think that I'll probably sell it."

Money is always a major factor at any gathering. A small town get-together is no exception. The money collected is distributed to each of the classes. The class that brought in the most money was, once again, the Senior class. The representatives that were

crowned were: from the house of Denton, Prince Danny and from the house of Stinton, Princess Ashley. Ashley said, "We worked hard to make the most money at Fall Festival and I was proud to represent the Senior class".

Delicacies are in the eye (or mouth) of the beholder. All that greasy-kid-stuff is not just for the children. Parents and children alike ate to their heart's content, dining on hamburgers, hot-dogs, fries, and for the serious eaters, there was a turkey dinner.



Send in the clowns. Jr. Laura Sloan sells balloons at the junior class booth in order to raise money for the Prom.

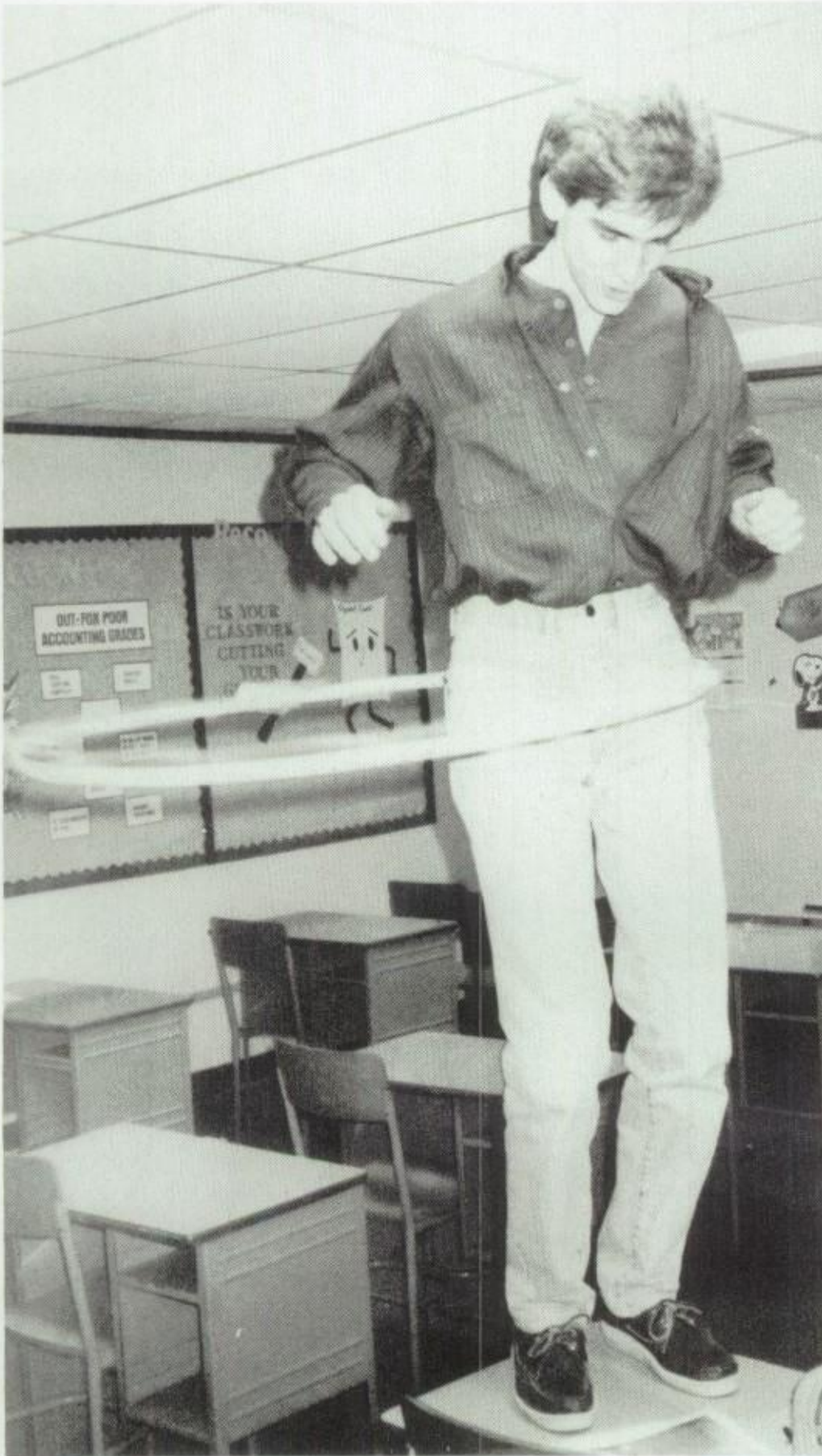
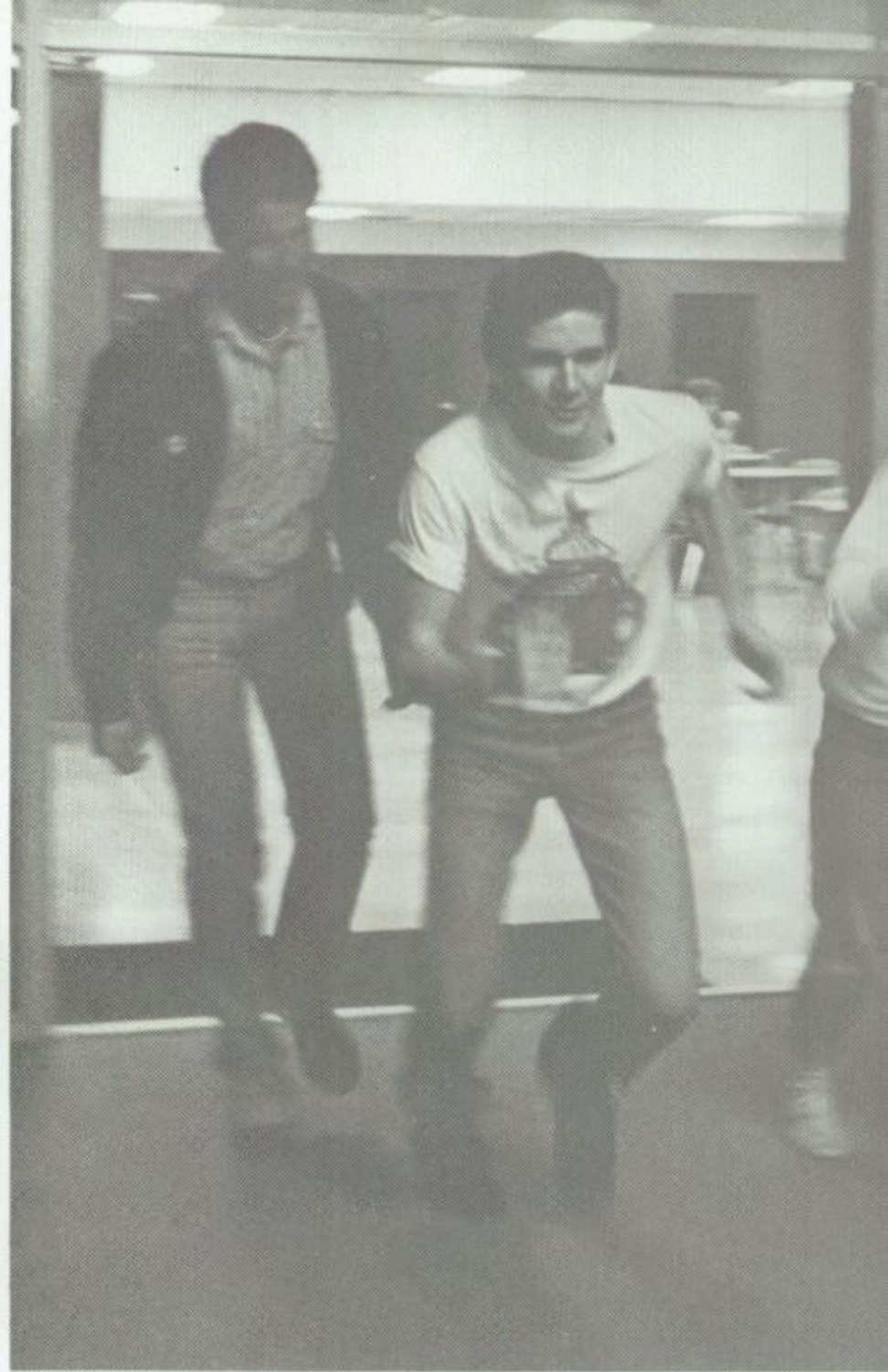


Fall Festival Court back row: Randy Turner, Ginger Stephens, Chad Huffhines, Stacy Conner, Jim Trammel, Shannon Moore, Hunter Floyd, Ashley Stinton, Danny Denton, Bryan Trapp, Caleb Braddock, and Bri Maquirk.

All pooped out. Soph. Mary Allen and little sister, Katy, head for home after a busy day of fun and frolic.



A fast break! Srs. Mike Morgner, Bo Mosby, Michele Williams and Jr. Tiffany Cook break the monotony of Biology II class with a lab on breathing rates.



It's all in the hip. Sr. Brandt Wright hula-hoops atop a desk in the Annual Staff room.



Getting Over the Mid-Year Slump Beating the Blahs

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It's January and the middle of the school year. Most everyone is sick of school by now because of the **same old routine, the lack of enthusiasm and the sheer dullness** that can make things really boring.

When you're in school, each morning you wake up at the same time, drive to the same place, go to the same classes, and see all the same people. How do you

solve this? A few students (and teachers) may have an answer. Jr. Amy Noe said, "Well, I don't often get bored, but if so, I'd probably just trash school and skip a few days."

Everyone is tired of their classes so they don't take as much interest in them. There's not the usual enthusiasm that there was at the beginning of the year. Student's grades slack and a lot of homework isn't done. Sr. Darrin Stewart, said "To get over the mid-year slump I start the second semester like the first day of school" I also clear my head of all of

last semester's problems."

The students are not the only ones to get bored. Teachers feel that way, too. Yet they still try to make things the best they can be. Science teacher, Jane Ripley said, "We try to study for semester exams using a variety of techniques including puzzles and games."

Spanish teacher, Beth Howard also had some ideas on this line. She said, "I go back to the physical actions in class — stand, walk, sit in corner, stand on your head. etc."

Splendor in the grass. Annual Staff members Sr. Shelly Wilson and Jr. Jana Lightfoot rest on a hill at UT during a convention with Gerry Nance.



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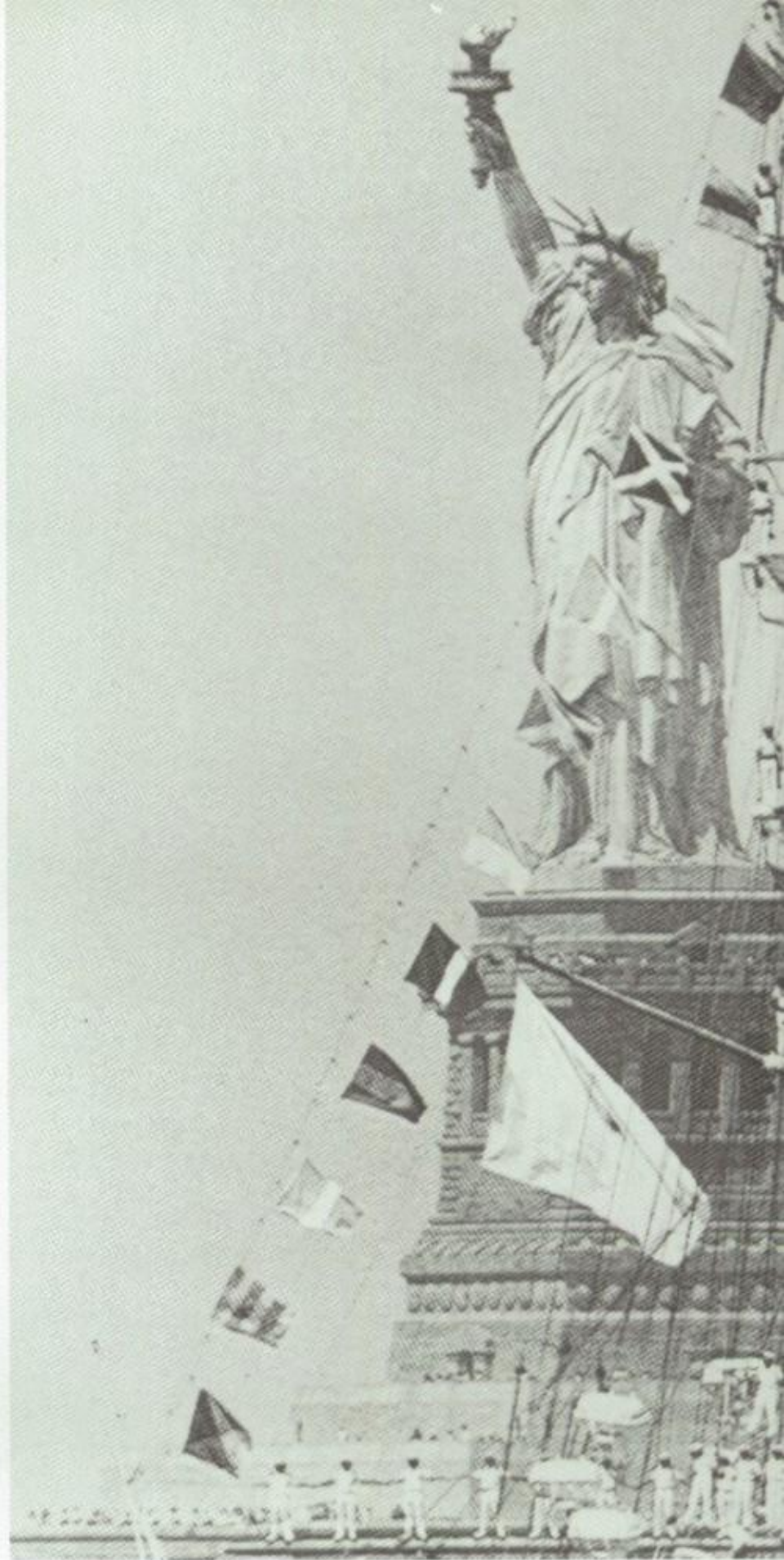
trends come and go as quickly as the light of day can turn into the dark of night.

Those bright days are intensified by many of the latest "objects de art." The "Baby on Board" and other messages of caution made their debut in the back window of millions of American's cars. Along with the signs came the window shades to help those parked cars beat the heat. And to keep those baby blues from being dazzled by the rays, the Wayfairer and Clubman shades have made their way to the nose that knows how to look (and stay) cool!

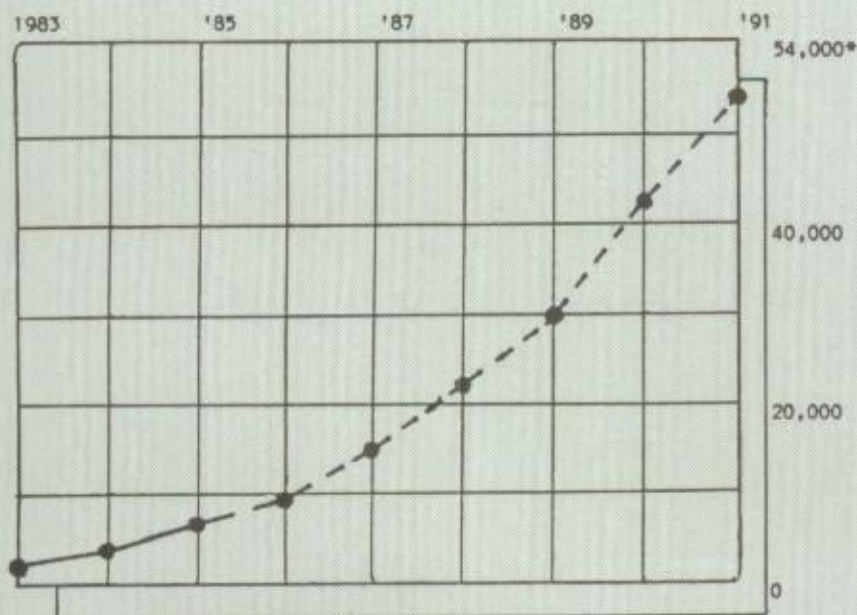
On a darker note are those happenings that just don't seem to put a spark in

the public's eye. In November of 1986, the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, announced that the American government had been shipping weapons into Iran, and made every person stop and wonder what this country was coming to. It seems that you can't watch the news, or listen to the radio, without hearing of another famous person or a commoner losing their life to the deadly disease that destroys the immune system, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Today's fashions reflect the sixties style. The mini-skirt and the peace symbol have strutted their stuff one more time. Another repeat performance that has captivated today's audiences have been the growing number of movie sequels that have popped in theaters everywhere. And like Mamma always said, "What comes around, goes around."



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AIDS DEATHS PER YEAR IN THE U.S.

*Americans killed in Vietnam: 58,135

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A birthday celebration. A tall ship passes in front of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, on July 4 during the commemoration of the statues 100th year. Photo courtesy of Sherman Democrat and Associated Press.

I'm Gumby. . . . Soph. Farrel Ritchie poses as a popular TV character made famous by the late night show, Saturday Night Live.

Historic mission remembered. March 6 Texans around the state were reminded of the fateful day when Santa Anna and his army defeated the Alamo in 1836. Photo courtesy of Sherman Democrat and Associated Press.



The good ole' days. The Sescentennial wagon train makes a stop at Van Alstyne on its tour throughout the state of Texas.



Chin up. Sr. Tamara Long is helped by sponsor Brenda Bonner to get her collar in place for graduation pictures.

I'm so sure. Sr. Brandt Wright tries to remember if he ever acted as young as Fresh. Brian Morgan.

Making a grand entrance is what Sr. Shelly Morgan, Sr. Marla Wise and Soph. Laura Woodroof strive for as they 'rat' their hair on the way to San Antonio.





Eenie, meenie, minie, moe. Mr. Lightfoot and Coach Carden go over the new schedule for the 1987-88 school year.

First And Last Is There Ever A Fine Medium?

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Ask a student what the norm is for a day of school, then ask them for a day that isn't the norm and you are sure to get one of two answers.

Either the first or last day of school always catches the eyes of the student. These days are **hectic** and **exciting, not the average day of school**. Fresh. Devon Bengtson said, "The first day of school was 'an experience'! It was my first day of high school."

The first day of school is one that is often anticipated but not often admitted to.

Sr. Darla Miller said, "I guess if I didn't have anything else to do I would want to go to school."

One thing the students enjoy about the first day of school is the fact that it does not involve a great deal of effort on their part. Soph. Lynn Hemphill said, "We usually all have to change our schedules, so we really don't have to go to our classes the first week of school." On the first day of school everyone receives their books, learns their schedules, and just gets back into the swing of things.

Then it happens. The last day of school is upon you and the school year is over. It is time to check in your

books and clean out your locker. Sr. Mike Morgner said, "I bet I am the only person in school that keeps balloons and bubbles in their locker."

By the end of summer everyone is ready for school to start. By the end of the school year everyone is ready for summer. It is a vicious circle.

Yes, there is a medium, although it is not what one would call fine. These are the days that fall between the first and last days of school. These days are the norm. Or are they?

Eating Out And Getting Awards

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As the end of the school year comes closer, banquets are given to **recognize outstanding accomplishments in agriculture, sports and band.** These three organizations acknowledge members for their achievements, effort, and improvement throughout the year. Sr. Rodney Wilson said, "A lot of time and hard work goes into the preparation of the banquets.

The banquets were not only an opportunity to recognize students, but also to congratulate the teachers for a job well done. Ag teacher Damon Motley received a black Stetson hat from the Ag Boosters. Motley said, "I really appreciate all of the support from everyone this year and also for the fine gift." Many of the coaches at the Sports Banquet received gifts from students and at the Band Banquet the chaperones that went on the band trip to Galveston were awarded special thanks.

In addition to awards, the

guest speakers were the main attractions. They all encouraged students to take control of their lives and to have positive attitudes about the future. Sr. Hunter Floyd said, "I think that Coach Jim Myers at the Sports Banquet had an awesome, motivational speech. I especially liked it when he got on the Freshmen in the back for talking." Guest speaker at the Sports Banquet was Jim Myers, retired Dallas Cowboys coach; the speaker at the AG Banquet, Jack Miller, Vice-President of the Longhorn Leather Co.



Your jacket, sir. Fresh. Jeremy Bustillos receives his letter jacket from Jr. Pam Pittman at the Band Banquet.

Isn't that special? Track Coach Jim Martin receives his own "Jams" from Cathy O'Cain, Pam Pittman, and Robin Aly as well as the other track team members.





Remember these **SEVEN** things ... Coach Jim Myers delivers a speech to the students and adults at the sports banquet.

Hugger of the Year award. Jr. Pam Pittman hugs Mr. Mike Metze, band director, as she presents him with a small token.



MVP, Athletic Award
Karin Brown-Panther Pride

Justin Buckner-Scholastic Athlete Award, Tennis MVP

Rebecca Buckner-Booster Club MVP, Tennis MVP, Basketball MVP, Outstanding Athlete

Jay Cooper-Outstanding Athlete

Danny Denton-Football Lineman MVP

Jana Lightfoot-Golf MVP

Jennifer Likely-Track MVP

Terry McKay-Panther Pride

Tommy Offill-Golf MVP

Craig Page-Basketball MVP

Shanna Payne-Track MVP

Tim Renneker-Scholastic Athletic Award

Billy Wilson-Booster Club MVP, Outstanding Back



Ag Awards

Gary Akins-Lamb Production

Shawn Beaty-Swine

Tom Brown-Lambs

Jeremy Bustillos-Rabbits

Trudy Christman-Specialty Animals

Mike Domingos-Beef

Mike Harris-Home/Farmstead improvement

Darrel Huddleston-Outstanding Junior

Ray McMorris-Outstanding Ag Mechanic, Wildlife Management

April McCollum-Swine

Valerie Miller-Beef Production

Amy Noe-Beef

Robert Philbrick-Swine Production

Pam Pittman-Lambs

Jay Renneker-Fruit & Vegetables

Farrell Ritchie-Star Chapter Farmer

Sam Thornhill-Star Greenhand

Band Awards

Lara Allen-Master Musician Award, John Philip Sousa Award

Tammy Bodecker-Band Award

Angela Cherry-Panther Band Award

Jerry Coleman-Special Band Award

Stacey Conner-Special Band Award

Tim Lamson-Special Band Award

Bob Lemmons-Panther Band Award

Jana Lightfoot-Special Band Award

Dawn McMahan-Special Band Award

Pam Pittman-Special Band Award

Robin Reynolds-Band Award

Tracy Shearer-Band Award

Laura Sloan-Special Band Award

Michele Williams-Marcher of the Year, Panther Band Award

Sports Awards

Jill Ashley-Scholastic Athletic Award

Feel the beat. Jrs. Pam Pittman, Kathy O'Cain, and others dance to an up beat song after the dinner and speaker.



I'm floating away! Jr. sponsors Ms. Ripley and Mrs. Howard work on the arch over the dance floor.

How low can you go? Srs. Hunter Floyd, Mike Domingos, and Billy Wilson limbo at the end of the dance.





Yes, he CAN smile! In what was thought to be an undetected moment, Coach McDaniels actually smiles.

Everybody Get A Little Lower Now

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Time! **The first times fast times,** and yes, even **the last times.** Can all of this really be squeezed into one evening? Well, it can and was.

As always the prom was financed by the Junior class. Money was brought in through the Fall Festival and magazine sales. The Juniors spent their morning getting the ballroom ready at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, then they spent their afternoon getting themselves ready. Tim Lamson

said, "Well, I really don't mind having to raise the money because it is the Junior's responsibility . . . it is tradition."

The hustle and bustle of preparations and participation are what gave the evening an air of excitement. There was an hors d'oeuvre buffet, Ms. Rosemary Rumbly spoke on making the best of your mistakes, and then came the dance. Sr. Hunter Floyd said, "The best part of the prom was the dance . . . and my date!" The music was varied from rock to country and there was even a 'limbo' contest to top the evening off.

For some this was just the beginning, Jr. Stephanie Smith said, "This will be my first prom, so I'm pretty excited about it. I think it will be fun getting dressed up." But, for others, the Seniors, it was one of the last times. Sr. Sheila Brophy said, "I'm looking forward to the prom, because it will be one of the last times the Seniors are together as a group."

Time. This prom was one for all times. It was "Almost Paradise".

Here she comes! Mr. Whitehead waits for his daughter Kendra to present her diploma.

Eight Grade Graduates Soon To Be Freshmen

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The 8th grade graduation started the beginning of **new changes, futures, and friends** for the graduating 8th grade class. It drew the line that the 8th graders crossed into high-school, and fired off a new beginning in their lives.

It was not only a time to recognize the class, but the other two grades in middle school were also given awards at the same time. Seventh grader Justin Partin said, "I don't think it was right for the Sixth and Seventh graders to be awarded because this was to honor the Eighth grade." It was a diversion to make it not so

formal as a high school graduation but to equally give the students recognition.

The graduation was held in the high school cafeteria as a night ceremony. Eighth grader Eric Carter said, "I thought it was neat to carry on the new tradition of having the graduation at night. It seemed more like a real ceremony."

Each grade in Middle school had an Outstanding Boy & Girl. Seventh grader Sean Crossen said, "It was a great feeling of accomplishment as the Outstanding Seventh grade Boy."

The Friday after graduation, the Eighth graders finished off the year by going to Twin Rivers in Richardson.



What's going on? Graduates Robin Reynolds, Michael Waller, Tara Wallace and Ken-
a Whitehead look on as
ryon Jackson recieves an
award.



Outstanding Students

Eighth Grade

David Wade
Michelle Wurscher

Seventh Grade

Sean Crosson
Bonnie Cate

Sixth Grade

Ricky Brown
Natalie Cannon

Is it over yet? Eighth grade graduates Michelle Worscher and David Wade are recognized as Outstanding girl and boy of their class.

Here it is . . . and don't forget to shake! English teacher Nancy Weatherley hands Bridget Gaskill an award while Shane Davidson, Frankie Chandler, and Angela Evers look on.

Share and share alike. Eighth grader, Robin Reynolds and sister Jr. Laura Reynolds talk between the high school and the middle school.



Crunch and munch. Middle school students eat lunch in the cafetorium that they share with the high school students.

Syntax in 120. Mrs. Mitchell points out an error in Jr. Richard Cayce's program.





The Junior/High Connection Getting It All Together

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The completion of the middle school last summer had **different attitudes, adjustments, and advantages.** As the new school year began, everyone, including teachers, was excited about being in new surroundings. However, some students in middle school and high school had different attitudes toward the new building. Jennifer Coleman, Fresh. said, "I think it's convenient for the junior high and high school. I never see the younger kids so it is

fine."

Another student took on a different view. "It is convenient," Soph. Colin Cate said, "but I don't like it because there are a lot of little children trying to act like us."

The adjustment for everyone was difficult but mostly for the sixth graders. They had to adjust to a new environment. Eighth grader Dori Likely said, "We were looking forward to being in middle school and having a new school made it even better."

Having the two schools connected gave students more advantages. Use of the gym, library, and other facilities was more convenient. Eighth grader Jimmy

Holly, said, "The connection to the high school made everything easier like eating in the cafeteria, athletics, and band."

It was not only the students that had to adjust. Teachers and other members of the faculty also had to make changes. All the teachers had new rooms and more space to work with. Science teacher, Kent Whitehead now has two connecting science labs and more lab tools with which to work. Also, the computer literacy class has new computers with the latest technology. The students have really benefited from the new facility.



Sharp as a tac! No not this time. Eighth grader, Barbi Sullivan plays her horn in the band hall that is used by both the high school and the middle school.

Annual Senioritis Is There A Cure?

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"Spring fever," the **"Get Out of School Disease,"** or, better known as, **"Senioritis!"** Sr. Rhonda Rubio said, "I

can only define "Senioritis" as: A Way of life! I've had "Seniorities" since the first day of pre-school. It is quite obvious that my condition is worsening . . . just like everyone else."

As the days of school draw to a close, the time just seems to drag. There is more than enough work to do, but the ambition just isn't here. Sr. Marla Wise said, "We are just a bunch of apathetic Seniors."

In order to break the monotony of school, the Seniors took a trip to Six Flags for a day of play. Sr. Brandt Wright said, "We really needed that trip to Six Flags. It gave us a chance to get rid of all that extra energy we had so we could concentrate on our final ex-

ams."

Then it happened. The day finally came, and the ceremony to beat all others, graduation, was upon the town again. The event was scheduled to take place at Panther Stadium, but thanks to the weather conditions it was held in the new Cafetorium.

There was a rush of excitement in the air and butterflies in the stomachs. Before the commencement exercises began, the Seniors met in the student center to put on their cap and gowns and sing the Fight Song one last time as a group.

The Seniors entered the building to Pomp and Circumstance. Lara Allen gave the Salutatorian's address. Sr. Lara Allen said, "I was told I had to give the Salutatorian's address. Well, it's Rt. 1 Box" Then Debby Moody and Jerry Lay sang The Greatest Love of All. Sr. Jodi Renne said, "I said I was not going to cry, but when they started playing that song and I

looked at my friends, I just couldn't help it."

Brandt Wright gave the Valedictory, challenging his friends to do what they had to to be successful, no matter what the world put to them.

Rev. Ed Adams, of the First Christian Church of Van Alstyne, spoke to the Seniors about being the best that they could be.

Finally came the presentation of the diplomas, recognition of scholarships, and the recessional to the song Verdi, played by the band.

The ceremony was over, but for most the night had just begun. There were many parties to go to and people to see.

For the Senior class of 1987 there would be doors to open and paths to be chosen. Their motto was: The Future is Ours to Behold. But, a cure for "Senioritis" was not in this group's destiny.

Senior Class- Back row: B. Trapp, B. Flatt, T. Gibson, J. Denton, F. Laurant, D. Stewart, M. Morgner, M. Smith, T. Long, B. Wilson, D. Miller, R. Wilson, C. Trout, B. Taylor, K. Day, J. Cooper, M. Domingos, T. Renneker, B. Thur, K. VanHooser, L. Harrison, B. Lemmons, J. Kirly, S. Holloway, R. Rubio, H. Floyd, M. Harris, S. Graf, A. Stinton, P. Crawford, T. Velekei, D. Denton, S. Mahaffy, J. Ashley, M. Wolfe, A. Ewell, H. Owen, S. Douglas, L. Davidson, G. Hill, S. Brophy, K. Gentry, D. Edwards, D. Sloan, C. Page, B. Wright, D. Bengtson, J. Buckner, B. Mosby, S. Morgan, S. Wilson, N. Hendricks, R. Buckner, R. Aly, J. McCullar, S. Batchelor, S. Forehand, M. Williams, M. Wise, J. Renne, L. DeHaven, L. Allen





A new beginning is about to start for Sr. Derek Bengtson as he receives his rose from Mr. Wade while Sr. Sonya Batchelor is waiting next in line.



Not letting go . . . it seems to be a characteristic of every graduation as is this one. Sr. Holly Owen hugs Marla Wise as Mike Harris, Bo Mosby, and Mike Morgner discuss their future plans.

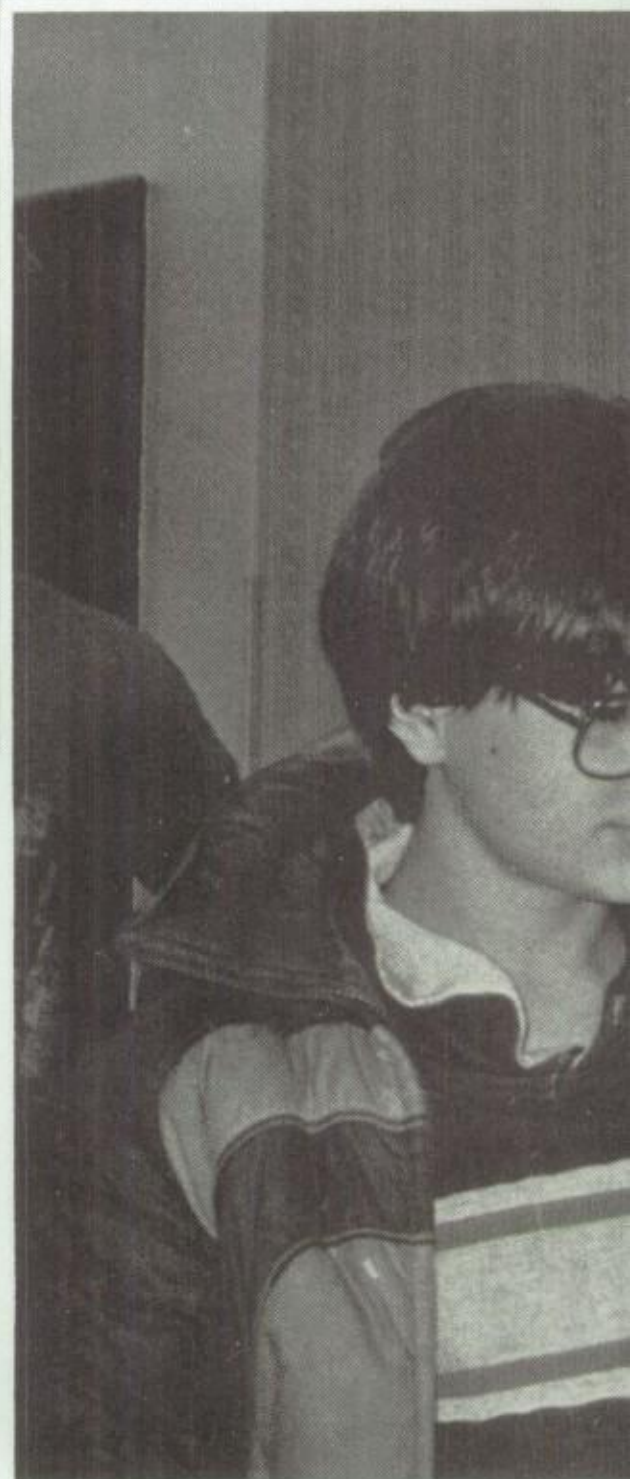
Oh, not again! Craig Page screams protest as he and Shelley Douglas go around for another spin at Six Flags for the annual Senior Day.

ACADEMIC do's & don'ts

You have been told over and over again that the keys to success are through making good grades in school and then furthering your education in college. Success appeals to everyone. Driving up in a red Mercedes convertible at the ten year reunion would be a part of success, but before the keys to the Mercedes come your way, you must learn the keys to success. If it is true, and the keys to success lie behind the academics, the following pages will prove priceless on **ACA-**

DEMIC DO'S AND DON'TS.

Everyone has heard of the oldies but goodies: get your homework in on time, don't be late for class, sit at the front of the room, etc. However, an in depth look has been taken on how certain areas affect students academically, in these free but priceless pages. Take in consideration that not only will you benefit from this exclusive edition, but the keys to a new Mercedes or BMW could be waiting around the corner.





Betty Crocker makes a lasting impression! Coach Weatherley and Fr. Trent Bell take advantage of Sr. Bo Mosby and his World Geography class. They took a six week to prepare food from different countries.



For your eyes only. Mrs. Jana Lightfoot (009) and David Small (007) are able to pass a "secret" note in class.

The Best Of The Best

1. "UIL makes me feel like I've accomplished something even if I don't win." Fresh. Juli Bengtson.
2. "I think we did fantastic! I've been here for eleven years and we blew their socks off!" Business teacher Deborah Nance
3. "I tried out for UIL because it's challenging and I enjoy the one-act play competition." Sr. Marla Wise
4. "We should be proud that we did so well in UIL because it proves that we have students who are serious about school." Jr. Dawn McMahan
5. "My first year we got third in UIL, last year we got second and this year, of course, we won first." Principal Don Lightfoot
6. "I was shocked when I found out that I got second in Regionals, but then I got excited about going to Austin." Sr. Lara Allen
7. "UIL is fun because you get together with your friends and have fun competing." Sr. Holly Owen
8. "UIL prose was a lot of hard work but it paid off in the end, because I won fourth in Regionals and got to go to State." Sr. Justin Buckner



... And Those In Between

It wasn't all fame and glory for this years UIL competitors. They may have placed first in District, but not without a lot of hard work and dedication from everyone. Sr. Brandt Wright said, "Sure, I qualified for State, but not without working for it. I had to be at school every morning to practice with Mrs. Bonner."

The hard work paid off for those lucky enough to place in the top three at District and qualify for Regionals; but for the ones who put forth the same effort but didn't

win, it almost seemed like a waste of all their time and effort. Sr. Shelly Morgan said, "I was upset, but not devastated. It was a lot of hard work to be disqualified, especially since I might have placed and gone to Regionals."

Sr. Jodi Renne said, "It was disappointing to not place in UIL science, especially since I went to all of the practice meets and studied at lunch with Miss Ripley." Maybe it's true that winning isn't everything, but it's a heck of a lot better than losing.



How much longer? Sr. Todd Velekei hurries to complete his calculator competition.

How'd we do? Srs. Lara Allen and Brant Wright, business teacher Deborah Nance and English teacher Brenda Bonner anxiously await the State UIL results.



Somewhat Less Than The Very Best

1. "Basically, I tried out for UIL so I could miss a day of school." Sr. Mike Morganer
2. "I didn't really prepare very well for UIL this year, and I'm sure I'll regret it later." Sr. Michele Williams
3. "I'm glad I placed in prose, but I wish I'd done better in journalism." Jr. Tiffany Cook

Getting On Their Good Side

1. "If I want to be teacher's pet, I talk to them a lot, especially on the first day." Sr. Mike Harris

2. "My pets are the type of people who always do their best in everything, no matter what the situation." Ms. Leslie Fisher

3. "When I want to be a teacher's pet I always try to be nice and treat them with respect." Soph. Ritchie Halliburton

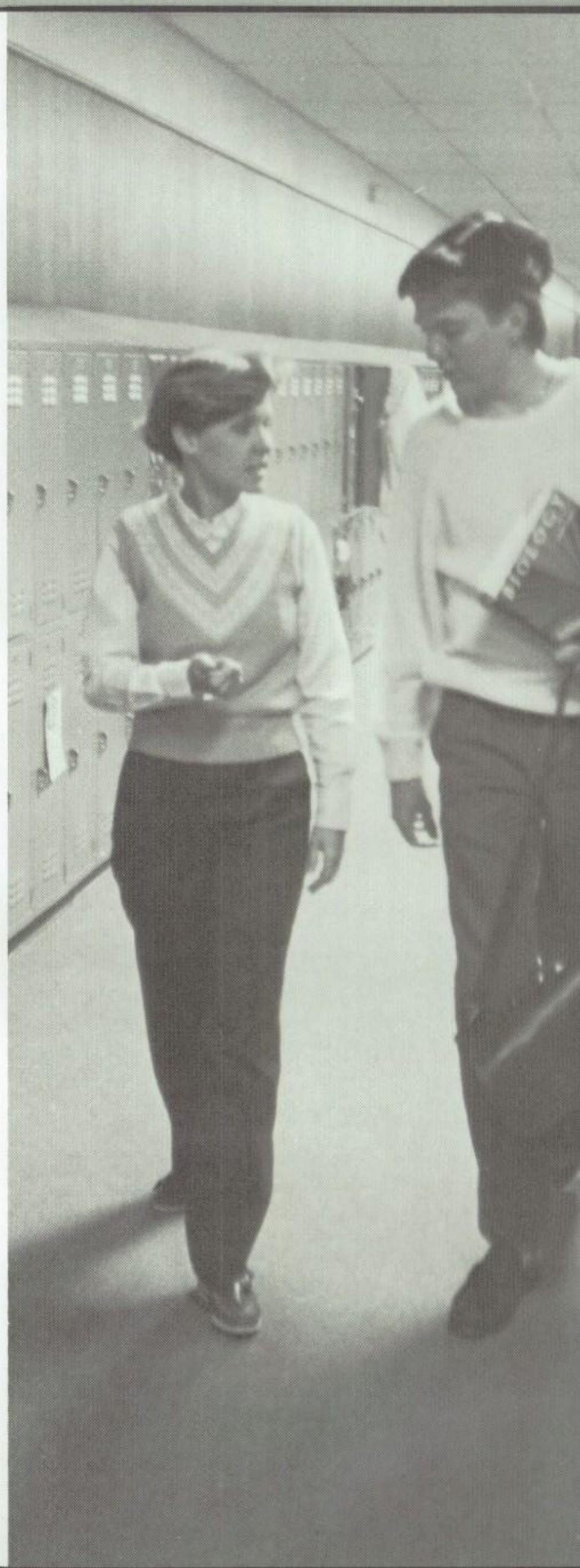
4. "I'm not too picky about who my pets are as long as they are happy, smiling people." Coach Michael Weatherley

5. "It helps if you do your work and keep quiet. No one likes a smart aleck, but a sense of humor helps." Sr. Shawna Graf

6. "Well, if I wanted to be teachers pet, I'd go out of my way to be friendly." Jr. Ray Simms

7. "Sit in front of the room and ask a lot of questions, even if you know the answers." Soph. Doug Campbell

8. "I like for my pets to grade all my papers and carry my books." Mrs. Jeanne LaMountain



Every Little Bit

"Many people think that good grades come naturally to some people. For some, they may, but for others, top notch grades don't come so easily. The majority of these so called "perfect" students spend hours every night in their quest for knowledge. While others, who desire the same grades but don't have the time or motivation, find that the best way to make the grade is to try and con their way into their teacher's hearts. There are many ways to go about this. Jr.

Pam Pittman said, "I treat the teacher as a friend instead of an enemy."

The pros at this business don't take such an open approach to brown-nosing their teachers. Sr. Tim Reneker said, "I always talk about Eddie Murphy and Walton and Johnson in Mrs. Bonner's, Mrs. Nance's and Mrs. Mitchell's classes. By doing that, I've taken care of at least half of my senior schedule." No matter how they go about it most "pets" will agree that every little bit helps.

Getting DON'Ts On Their Bad Sides

1. "If I was some teacher's pet, I'd probably take advantage of it as much as possible." Sr. Brian Taylor
2. "I don't want to be some teacher's pet, so I talk back and harass them as much as possible." Jr. Lenore McKinney
3. "Teachers don't like me and I don't go out of my way to be nice to them." Jr. Daniel Cherry

Walk! don't run. Science teacher Jane Ripley instructs Sr. Mike Smith on exactly how to carry her books down the hall.



Father knows best. Sr. Rodney Wilson happily escorts history teacher John Wade to class.

Students And Teachers Can't Get Enough

1.

"I love jazzercise, it strengthens and revitalizes you after a strenuous day." Elaine Schatz

2.

"Community ed. offers a lot of really good classes. It gives people an opportunity to learn neat things." Sr. Sheila Brophy

3.

"I loved my ceramic, it turned out great, but only because my teacher did it for me." Secretary Vicki Fletcher

4.

"Community education enables us to get the most effective use of our school facilities." Superintendent Charles Williams

5.

"I'm glad they offer those classes. I learned how to dance and it came in handy for the prom." Jr. Richard Cayce

6.

"I think it's great. It gives people a chance to do things they normally don't get to do." Linda Billups

7.

"Community education is vital to the community." Counselor Laura Gambill

8.

"I think community ed. is great for people who want it." My boss likes it." Teacher John Wade



Learning After Hours

Community Education ... all things to all people? Not quite, but it did mean a lot of things to a lot of people. Classes offered included everything from ceramics to aerobics. Sr. Michele Williams said, "Community Ed. seems to be getting better and offering more exciting classes each year."

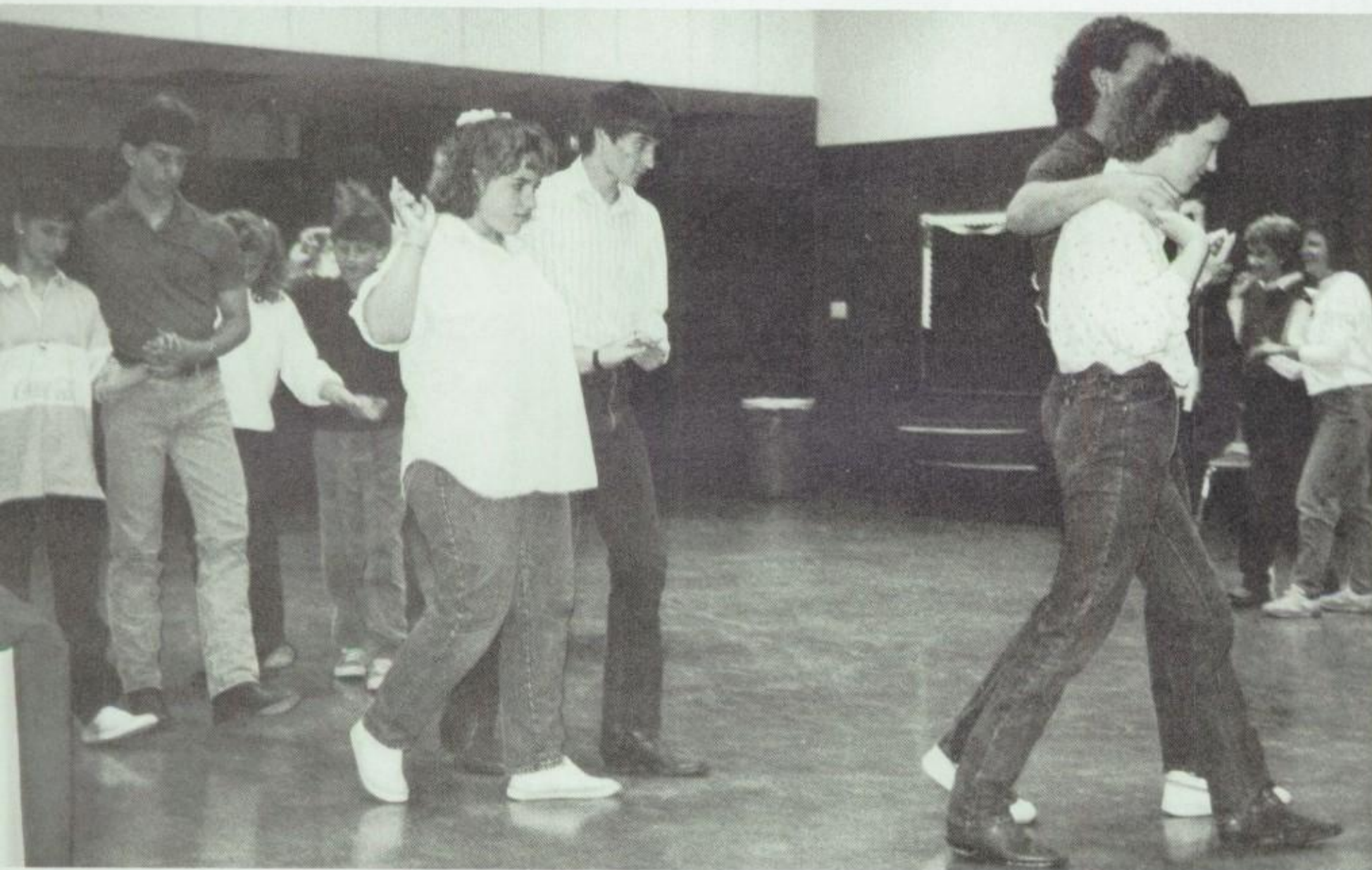
The most popular class among students was the country-western dancing. Jr. Richard Cayce said, "Learning the steps

was hard, but it was worth it when we got to dance." The teachers, however, preferred the ceramic classes. Teacher Deborah Nance said, "I liked my country craft class because I got to make things."

Whether working off the extra pounds or learning dance steps for the prom, Community education seems to be something that everyone enjoys and something that will hopefully continue for years to come.

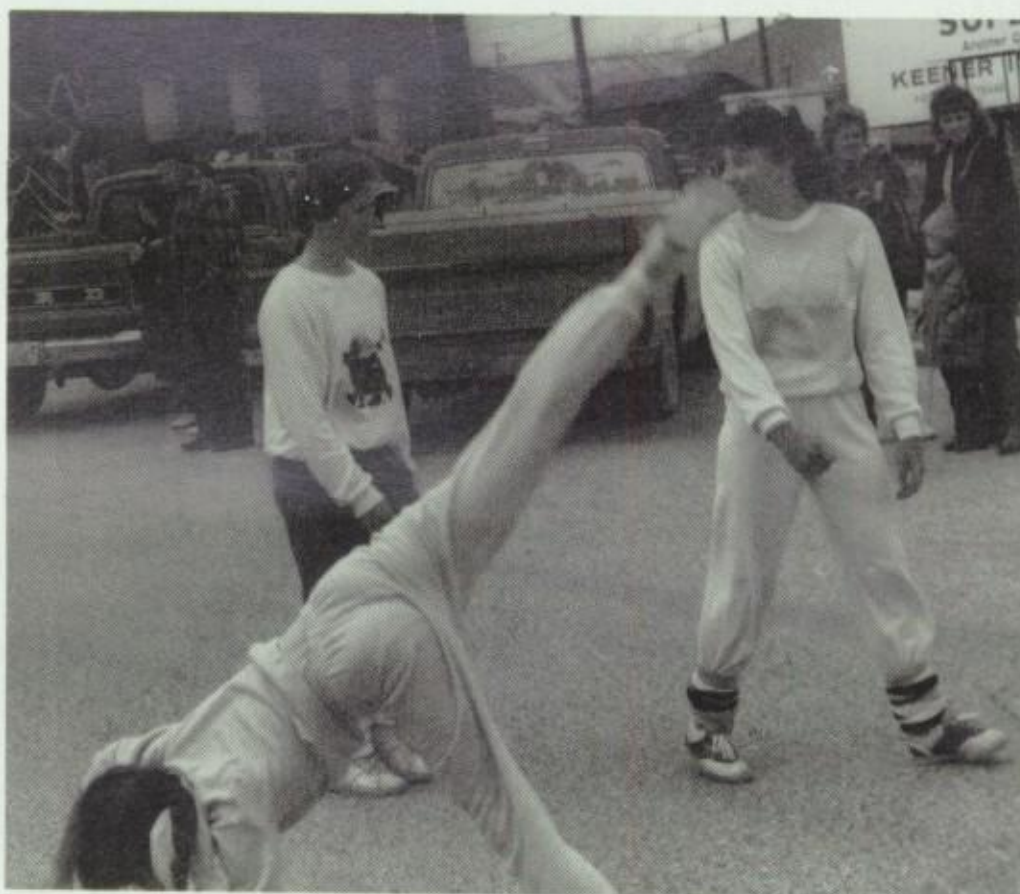
What? Sr. Shannon Forehand tries to catch on to a new dance step in her country-western class.

Waltzing around Texas? Only they know. Several students took the country-western dance class offered as part of community ed.



Students Spending Cash On Extra Education

- 1.** "My one complaint was that the class didn't last long enough." Sr. Lara Allen
- 2.** "It was really embarrassing to mess up in front of people," Sr. Shannon Forehand
- 3.** "I would take a community ed. class if I ever had the extra cash." Jr. Jana Lightfoot

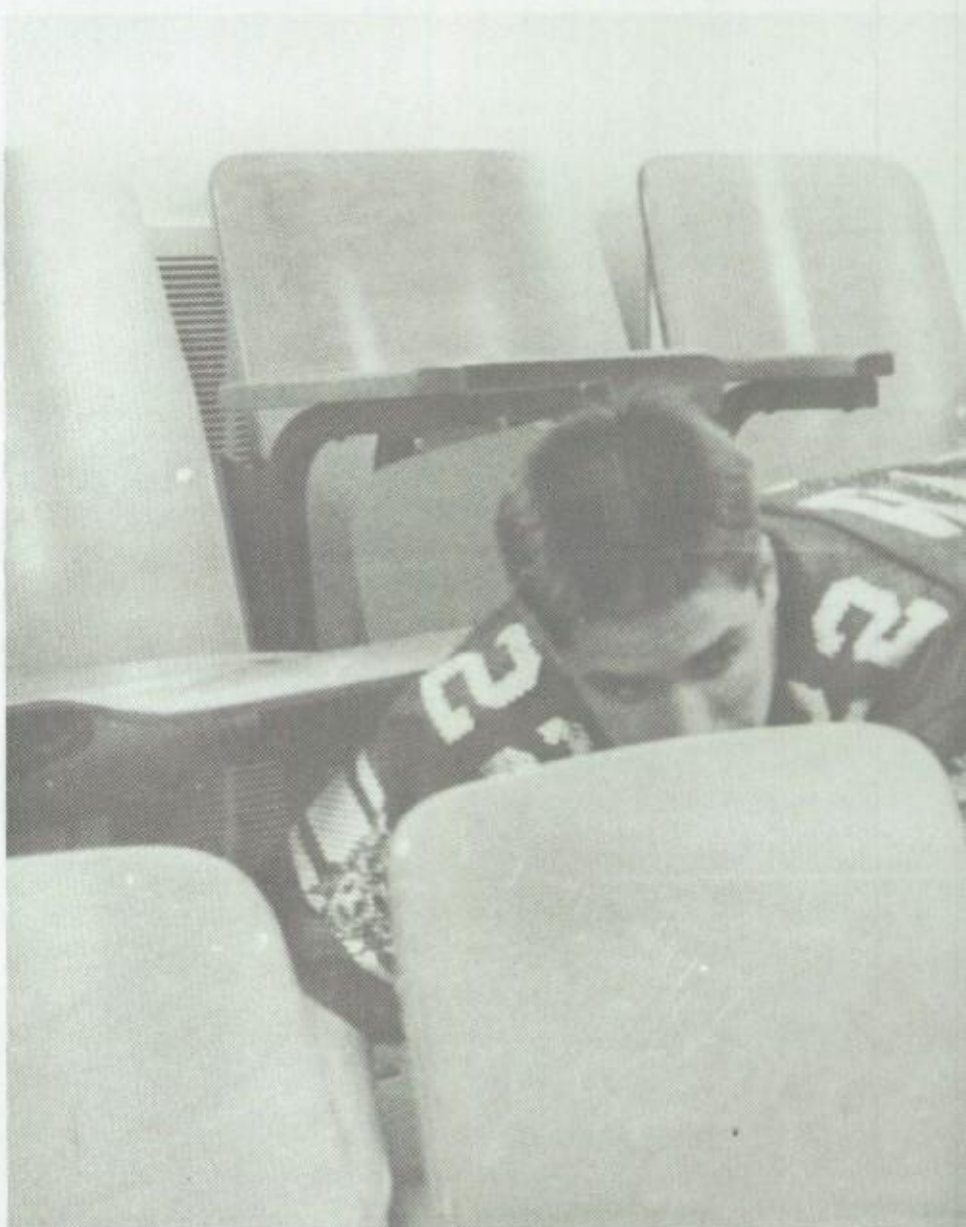


Tumbling across Texas. Sr. Shiela Brophy entered her tumbling class in Van Alstyne's annual Christmas parade.

What DO'S Is Your Best Excuse?

1. "When I do bad on a test I usually tell my parents that it was a really hard test." Sr. Robin Aly
2. "One student told me I couldn't make him work because he had a right to fail." Ms. Jeanne La Mountain
3. "If I was going to skip, I'd get someone to write an excuse saying that I had been sick." Jr. Amy Noe
4. "The best excuse I've ever heard was the student who wanted to be excused because he said God interviened!" Principal Don Lightfoot
5. "If I've not done my homework I'm usually honest about it and just say I didn't." Sr. Shelly Morgan
6. "When I don't do well on a test, I tell my parents that I had to work and didn't have time to study." Sr. Marla Wise
7. "One student told me that if his grades didn't improve, his mother said "someone" would be in trouble." Mrs. Brenda Bonner
8. "When I haven't done my homework and I don't have an honest excuse, I say I left my books at school." Soph. Colin Cate

Please, forgive me. Soph. Juli Mora begs English teacher Mrs. Brenda Bonner for forgiveness.



Who's Fault Is It?

"It's not my fault, whatever it is, it's not my fault." In fact, very few people stop to consider what it is they're denying before coming up with an excuse for it.

What the excuse is for, or if there really is a need for one doesn't appear to matter. It has become almost a natural reaction for people to avoid owning up to their actions, and the best way to do this is to find an excuse. Math teacher Mike Weatherley said, "One day I caught a student talking in class, when asked, he said 'It

wasn't my fault, the person next to me made me.' It didn't change anything, but I guess he thought he had to have an excuse."

Excuses come in many sizes and forms. First, there's the little white lie meant not to truly deny, but to perhaps improve the looks of an action. Then, there is your run-of-the-mill excuse. This may be given for anything, but because of its widespread use, many parents, teachers, and other various sundry people have become somewhat immune to this form of denial. Last, but

certainly not least, is the incredibly huge out and out lying whopper of an excuse. While many people have attempted it, only the truly experienced have succeeded in pulling it off. Soph. Susan Scalf said, "When I make up a really wild excuse, all I usually get is a weird look."

While excuses may be fine for some people, it's sad to find so few brave people out there proud enough to stand up for what they've done. But then again it's not really their fault is it?



Avoiding Those Really Awful Alibies

1. "Most of the time I remember my homework, but if not, I admit it and don't worry about it." Fresh. Jennifer Coleman
2. "Homework is really 'uncool', so I usually don't worry about making up an excuse." Soph. Richard Yost
3. "If I haven't done my homework, it's usually because I didn't feel like doing it." Soph. Juli Mora

Is it clear? Sr. Brian Taylor attempts to slip into the theatre, unnoticed by Jr. Ray Simms.

Living DO's The Life Of A Lefty

1.

"In baseball it's an advantage because you can see a curve better from a right-handed pitcher." Soph. James Tepera

2.

"So many people are right-handed that I like being left-handed because it's different." Jr. Becky Bannister

3.

"When you sit in the theatre find the left-handed desks otherwise you have to write on your lap." Jr. Richard Cayce

4.

"Like they say, lefties are always in their right mind." Jr. Trent Champion

5.

"It's better than being right-handed, I don't know why, but it is." Sr. Justin Buckner

6.

"When you reach for a glass at the table it's on the right side and you have to reach across." Fr. Julie Batchelor

7.

"I think I'm left-handed. I do a lot of things that way: eat, shoot pool. It's really the same." Soph. Doug Campbell

8.

"I wish I was left-handed, I don't know why, I just always wanted to, even when I was little." Jr. Tiffany Cook

On The Other Hand . . .

Many left-handed people do everything with their right hand except write. They have been raised in a family of right-handed people and have learned to eat, drink, and cut right-handed just because that's the only way they've ever seen it done. On the other hand, many people who write with their right hand have been raised doing many things with their left hand.

Whatever the case

each has their share of problems. Jr. Richard Cayce said, "It's hard to be left-handed in some sports because I have to learn to do them right-handed." Not only are there problems with sports, many students hate writing with ink pens because when they write the ink smears.

The problems may vary but the advantage seems to stay the same. Sr. Shelly Morgan said "Being left-handed makes me unique."

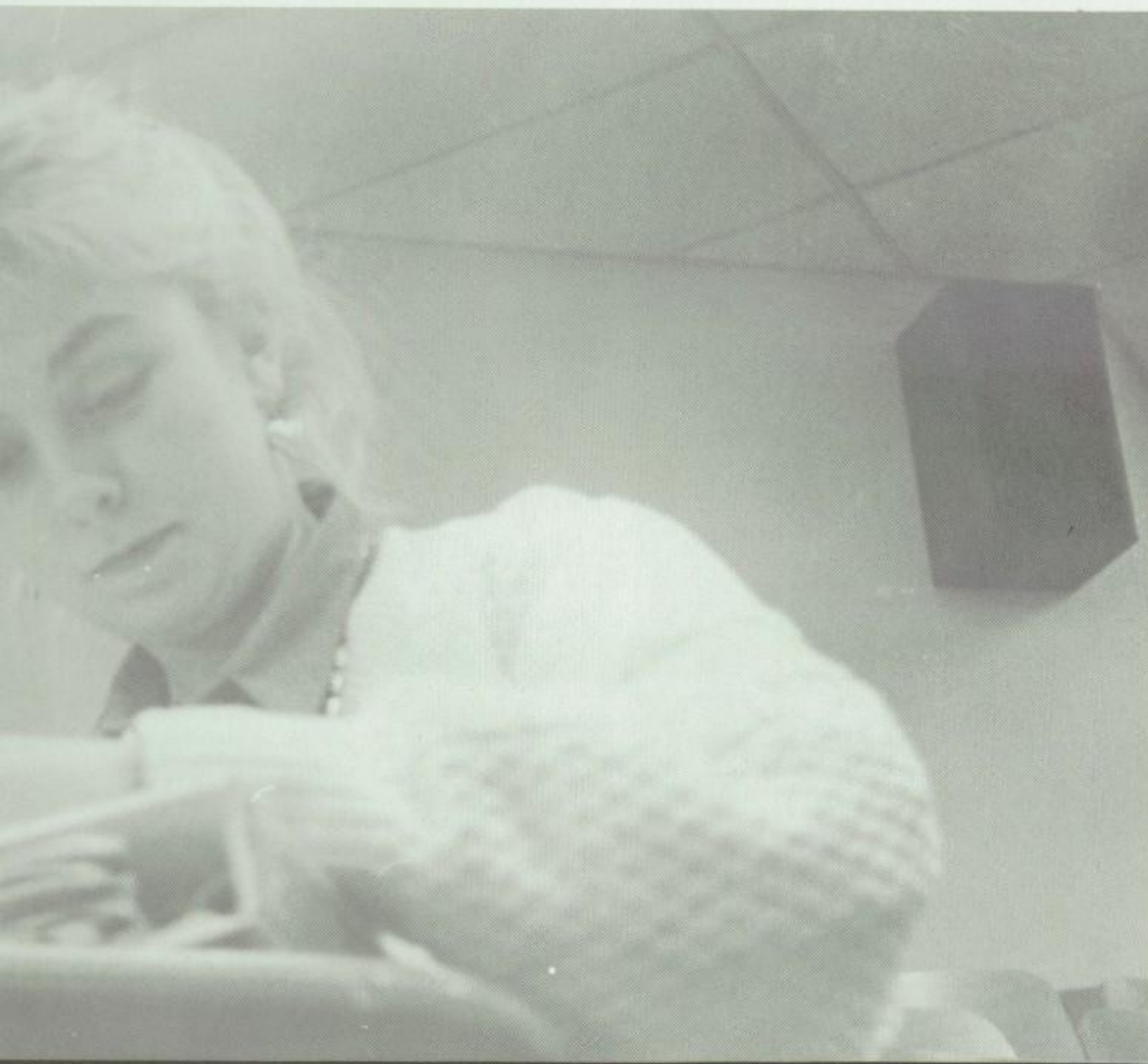




Give me five! Lefty Becky Bannister has a hard time shaking hands with Jr. Chad Huffines

The Sorrows Of Being A Southpaw

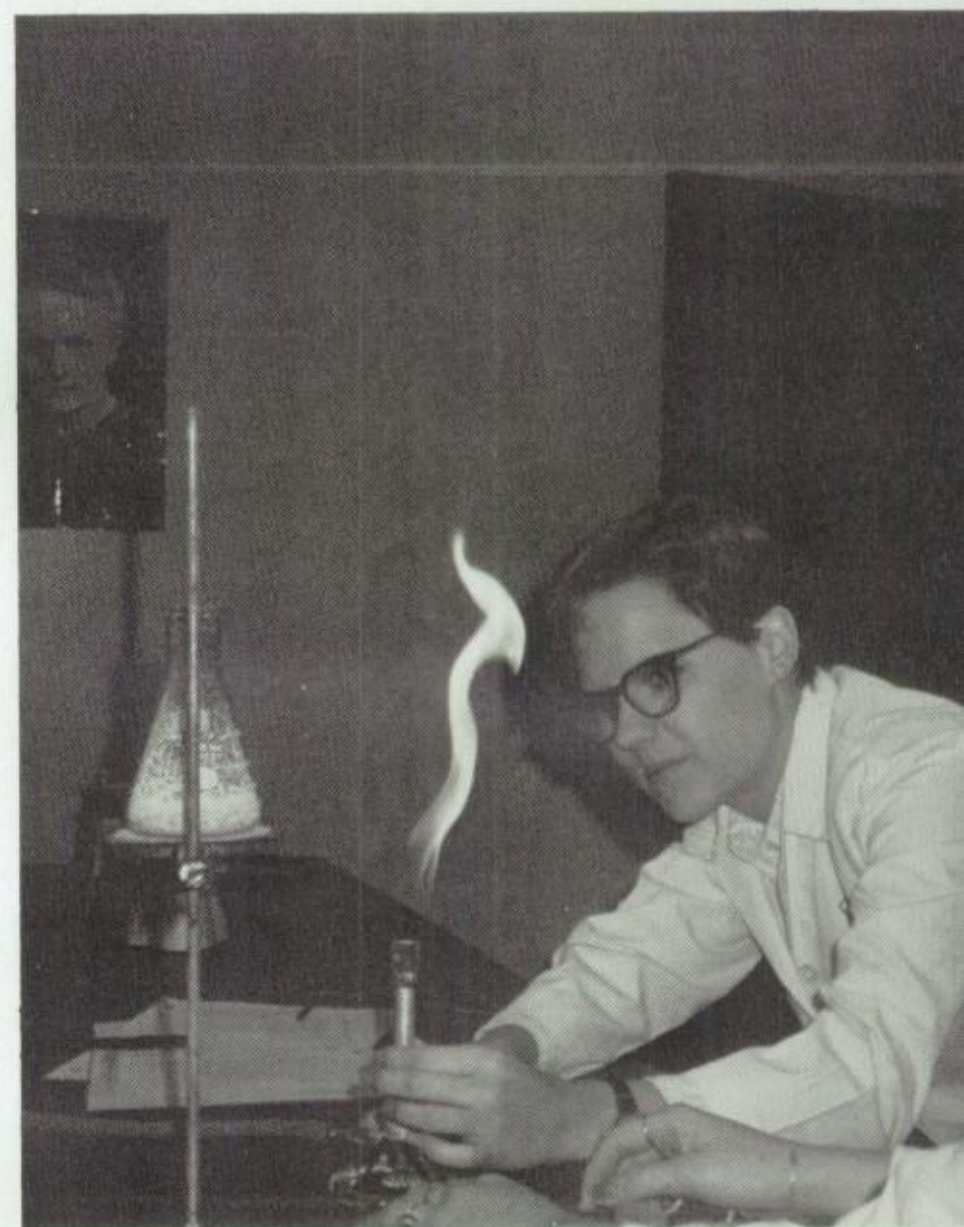
- 1.** "Video games are made right-handed so some are hard to play." Soph. Chet Stevens
- 2.** "I wouldn't want to be a lefty they look like they have arthritis." Jr. Pam Pittman
- 3.** "When you write in a spiral you get your sleeve caught in it." Soph. Desiree Dingman



Follow through. Lefty Shelly Morgan appears to be writing backward as she finishes her homework.

How To **DO's** Get Ahead Of The Class

1. "Isolation . . . that's the key to me doing homework. Usually I end up spending about an hour on it." Sr. Marla Wise
2. "I just go over the book and write the important things down." Soph. Marcus O'Brien
3. "I try to do all of my homework at home, because I hate having to rush through it at school." Sr. Tamara Long
4. "If it's an important test, I go in my room, put on some comfortable clothes and study for an hour." Sr. Shelly Morgan
5. "I usually listen in class then go over my notes a few times each night before the test?" Soph. Desiree Dingman
6. "For exams, I study my tests and the worksheets that have been graded." Soph. Jerry Welch
7. "When I study, I read the material over and over doing my best to memorize it." Sr. Patricia Crawford
8. "My advice is to always be assertive and don't be a dweeb." Mrs. Deborah Nance



Madame Curie watches as science teacher Jane Ripley onstrates the proper way to light a bunsen burner.



What is it? Sr. Fredrick Laurant, Jr. Pam Pittman, and Jr. Karen Brown peer cautiously into their chemistry lab.

At The **DON'T's** Bottom Of The Barrel

1.

"I very rarely study. I don't see any purpose in it, since I can make the A-B honor roll without it." Jr. Jerry Coleman

2.

"Unless I really don't understand what's going on, I never study and even then, it's not for very long." Soph. Mary Allen

3.

"I don't study unless it's a major test and even when I do, it's only for about thirty minutes." Soph. Dana Davis

Striving For Success

From the beginning of time, or at least the start of high school, most people have had the word success pounded into their minds by more relatives, counselors, and teachers than they care to think about.

Although you've probably heard it a thousand times you may not quite completely understand what the word success means. Webster's Dictionary defines it as a degree of measure of succeeding and gives the example as the attainment of wealth, fame, or favor. But, for most high school students it means the eternal search for enlightenment (otherwise known as good grades).

For some, the path to intellectual enrichment is short and easy. Fresh. Tammy McCabe said, "I really don't study unless it's absolutely necessary."

Others are not so lucky. For those poor souls it's hours a night spent hitting the books with the giant hope that something might be retained. Soph. Daniel McBee said, "It depends on the class, But usually, I spend between an hour and a half."

Whether it's hours a night spent or the five minutes between classes, praying you'll at least pass, most people share desire to do well and if all else fails, succeed.



I don't understand! Jr. Tiffany Cook looks over Fresh. Carey Conner's shoulder in hope of understanding what is going on.

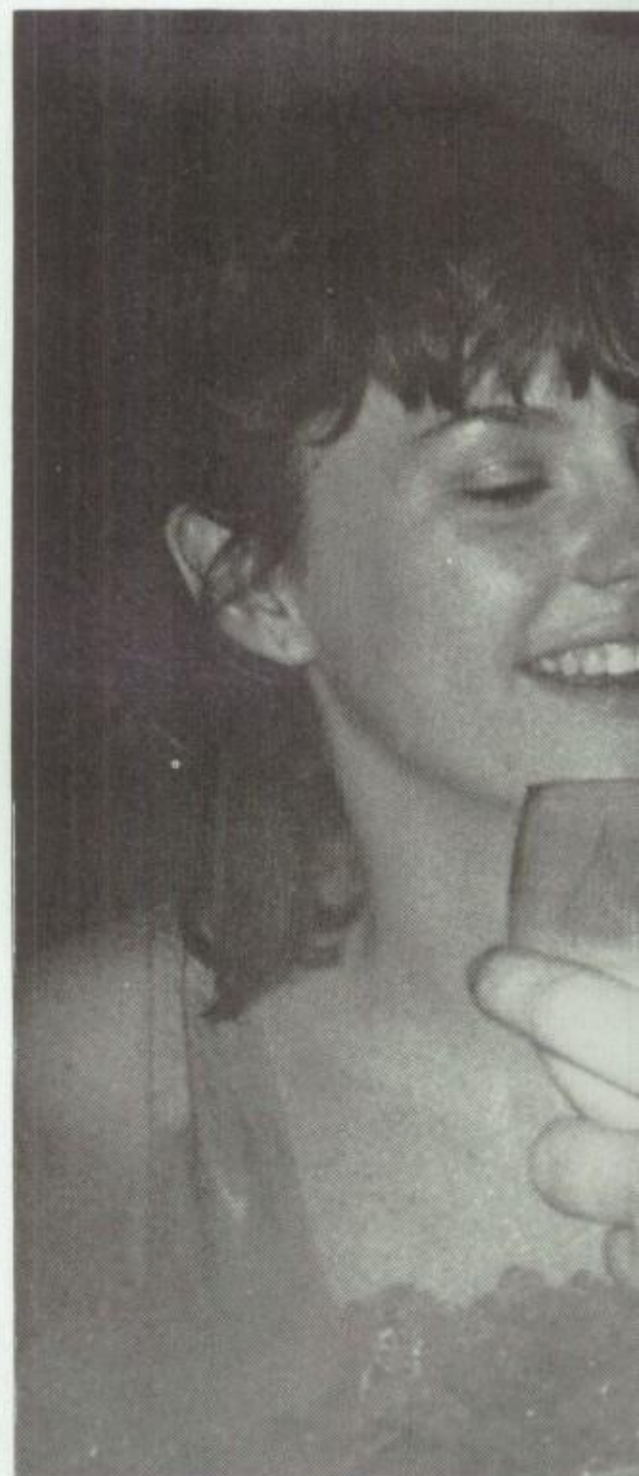
YOU'RE EXTRA SPECIAL

Yes, your picture appears somewhere between the next twenty-four pages. You, who is a little bit of everyone, have taken part in every facet of school life. All other sections of student life would have failed without you. You have done your part as a member of the student body, and in return, are placed among your peers as a reminder of who helped you along the way.

You possess the qualities of a

unique individual which reflects greatly on your school. Collectively, you and your peers make school what it is. The pride that is taken in all endeavors is evident due to numerous victories from sports to U.I.L. competition.

YES, YOU'RE EXTRA SPECIAL to Van Alstyne High School. Above all else, you have set the example to make your school what it is today and what it will be tomorrow.





Homogenized vitamin D milk set the scene as Jr. Tiffany Cook and Sr. Shelly Wilson enjoy an afternoon in the hot tub.



Weekends make the world go around! Srs. Justin Buckner, Rebecca Buckner, Jay Cooper, and Robin Aly enjoy the weekend while they can. (School starts on Monday.)

What are these? Foreign exchange student, Frederic Laurant, picks up his graduation invitations from Sr. sponsor, Mrs. Deborah Nance. This marks the second time Frederic has graduated from high school.



For Your Information

Lara Allen: Band 1-4; Student Council 2-4; Parliamentarian 4; All State Soloist 1,3,4; All State Ensemble 3,4; 4A All Region Band 1-3; 5A All Region Band 4; National Honor Society 2-4; UIL 1-4 (Regional qualifier: Shorthand, 3; Headline 3-4 (Sec. Editor, 4); Who's Who, 3-4. **Robin Aly:** Cheerleader 2,4; Spanish Club 2-4; Secretary 4; National Honor Society 3-4; Treasurer 4; FHA 1-4 President 4; Track 1,4; Class Favorite 4; Most Friendly 4. **Jill Ashley:** Basketball 1-4; Team Captain 4; National Honor Society 3-4; FHA 1-2. **Sonya Jean Batchelor:** Cheerleader 1-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Spanish Club 2; Basketball 1; Drama Club 1-4; UIL 1,3; Most Unpredictable 4. **Derek J. Bengtson:** Football 1-4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1-4; Band 1-3; National Honor Society 2-4; Student Council 1-4, Pres. 4; Spanish Club 3,4; Class Vice-Pres. 2; Boys State 3; Drama Club 4. **Sheila Kay Brophy:** Transfer from Westminster; Class II Gymnastics 2; Class III Gymnastics 1; National Honor Society 3-4; Cheerleader 4; Spanish Club 3-4; Treasurer 4; UIL 3; Student Council 3-4; Choir 4; FHA 2; Who's Who 4. **Buck Brown:** Football 1-2; FFA 1; Treasurer 1. **Justin Buckner:** Basketball 1-4; Tennis 1-4; Regional Qualifier 1,3; Student Council 2-4; Treas. 4; Nation-

al Honor Society 2-4; Class Favorite 1; Class Vice-Pres. 4; Most Friendly 4; Spanish Club 2, Vice-Pres. 2; Track 1-3, Regional Qualifier 3; UIL (One Act Play 2-4, Honorable Mention 2-3) 2-4. **Rebecca Buckner:** National Honor Society 2-4; Secretary 4; Basketball 1-4; Captain 4; Class Officer 1-4; FCA Officer 4. Tennis 1-4; Honorable Mention Basketball 2; 2nd Team District 3; Most Athletic 4; Best All Around 1,4; Best Tennis Girl 2,3; Best Volleyball 3; Track 1. **Jay Cooper:** Football 2-4; Basketball 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Volleyball Tournament Finalist 4; FFA 1-4; FHA 3. **Patricia Crawford.** **Lisa Michelle Davidson:** TEP 3-4. **Kevin Day:** Baseball 1; FHA 3; UIL (Persuasive Speaking) 2; Basketball 1; Drama Club 4; TEP 3. **Lisa DeHaven:** Cheerleading 3-4; National Honor Society 2-4; Track 3, 4th in District; Band 2-3; Who's Who 3,4; Homecoming Nominee 4; Drill Team 1-2; UIL 4. **Danny Denton:** Football 1-4; First Team All District Offensive/Defensive lineman 4; Football Team Captain 4; National Honor Society 3,4; FFA 1-3. **Julia Denton:** FFA 1-3; Band 1-2; FHA 2. **Michael Anthony Domingos:** Baseball 1 Most Improved 1; Football Manager 2; Football 3; FCA 4; FFA 1-3, Treas. 4; FFA Awards: 1-4. **Shelley Douglas:** Drill Team 1-4; Co-Captain 4; UIL (Drama) 3; FHA 1,3; Office Aide 3; Drama Club 1,3,4; Highstepper of the Year 3; Spanish Club 3-4; Officer 4. **Dane Edwards:** FFA Parliamentarian 1-2. **Amy Ewell:** FHA 1-4; Track 3; Who's Who 4; Society of Distinguished American Stu-

dents 2,3. **James B. Flatt:** Football 1-4, Captain 4, All District Tackle 3,4; Basketball 1-4; FFA Class Favorite 4; Library Aide 4; Office Aide 4; FCA Volleyball 4. **M. Hunter Floyd:** Quarter Horse Showing 1-4; 4-H Council Officer 1-4 FFA Officer 1-3; Football 1-4; FCA 4; Baseball 3; Track 4; Spanish Club 4; Choir 4; UIL 4. **Shannon Forehand:** FHA 1-4; National Honor Society 2-4; Track 1; Basketball 1; Manager 2; Drama Club 2-4; FCA 4; UIL (Acct. Class Officer 1. **Annette Gentry:** Transfer from Sherman. **Tim Gipson:** Football 3-4; Track 2-3; FFA 1-3; Basketball 1; Second Team All District Regional Second Team All District Regional First Team All District Football 4; Second Team All District Football 3; All Area 4; Most Outstanding Back 4. **Shawna Graf:** Basketball 1; FHA 1,2,4, Historian 4; Cheerleader 2; Drill Team 1; FCA 4. **Michael David Harris:** Football (Varsity 3,4; All Dist. Hon. M. Offense and Defense 4); Tennis 1,2,4; Drama Club 3,4; (1 Act 4); FFA 2-4 (Reporter 4); Bleachers Bandit 3; Bearded Clams Volleyball Team 4. **Laura Marie Harrison:** FFA 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3; Tennis 1,2; Spanish Club 1. **Ginger Kaye Hill:** Drill Team Office Assistant 2-4. **Sherri Holloway:** FFA 1-4; Basketball Manager 2-3; Track Manager 2.

Money Matters

Financing A Senior Year

Inflation hit hard last year, and being a senior became a very costly expense. There are many activities seniors take part in each year. Unfortunately, they all cost money.

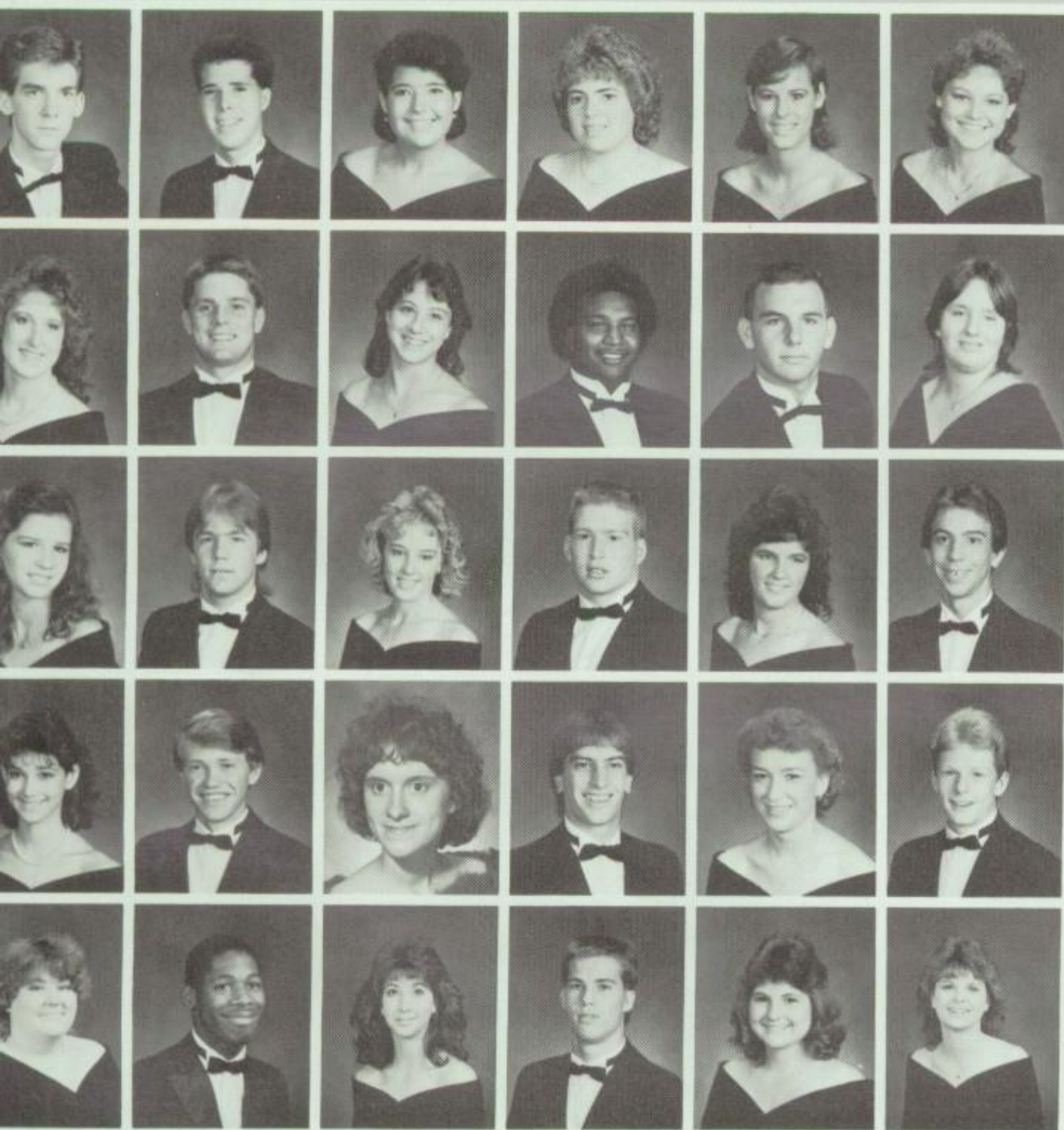
The first of the big expenses was Fall Festival. This is a tradition that takes place every year in order to raise money for the classes. In order to make money, you have to spend money. Each senior was requested to

bring a long list of food items. It included a turkey, cake, and two two-liter bottles of coke. They had a choice of that or \$45. Although there were complaints, they didn't really mind. Sr. Darrin Stewart said, "It's worth it because it's our Senior year." Two other expenses include Senior rings and the Prom. Sr. Lisa DeHaven said, "The prom and stuff only comes once in a lifetime, so it's not

that bad."

The last of the big expenses was graduation. Although the school paid for quite a bit of these expenses, there was plenty left over for the seniors to pay.

These expenses have become a traditional part of senior life. Even though it runs into quite a bit of money, it's all worth while when the diplomas are passed out.



Brandt Wright Pres.
Justin Buckner V. Pres.
Rebecca Buckner Sec./Treas.
Lara Allen
Robin Aly
Jill Ashley

Sonya Batchelor
Derek Bengtson
Sheila Brophy
Buck Brown
Jay Cooper
Patricia Crawford

Lisa Davidson
Kevin Day
Lisa DeHaven
Danny Denton
Judy Denton
Michael Domingos

Shelley Douglas
Dane Edwards
Amy Ewell
Bradley Flatt
Shannon Forehand
Hunter Floyd

Katrina Gentry
Timmy Gipson
Shawna Graf
Mike Harris
Natalie Hendricks
Laura Harrison

Shut up Jay!!! During second period, Mr. Wade teaches one of his unforgettable government classes. This features Mr. Wade at one of his most informing moments ... passing out papers.



For Your Information

John Kirley: Football 2-4; FFA 2-4; Baseball 3-4; Track 1. **Frederic Laurant:** J.V. Basketball 4; Drama Club 4; Tennis 4. **Bob Lemons:** Track 1-4; Band 1-4, (Officer 4); Football 3. **Tamara Kay Long:** Basketball 3; Track 4. **Sara Catherine Mahaffey:** Arabian Horse Showing 2-4; Who's Who 3; UIL (Acct.) 3; French Club 1-2; Drill Team 2; Choir 1. **Jennifer Nicole McCullar:** National Honor Society 3-4; Drama Club 1-4, Pres. 4; UIL (One Act Play) 2-4; Drill Team 2-3, Liet. 3; Choir (All-Region 1) Vice-Pres. 4; Spanish Club 2-4; Class Favorite 2; FHA 1; SNAP 4. **Darla Kay Miller:** FFA 2-4, Band 1-2; FHA 2; 4-H 1-4. **Shelly Janette Morgan:** National Honor Society 3-4; Cheerleader 2-4; Student Council 3-4; Spanish Club 1-4; Vice-Pres. 4; Drama Club 2-4; Drill Team 1 Homecoming Nominee 4; UIL (Poetry) 3-4. **Michael G. Morgner:** National Honor Society 3-4; Spanish Club 4; FFA 1,2; Football 1; FFA 1, Pres. 1. **James M. Mosby:** Football 1-4, First Team All-District 4; FFA 1-4; Baseball 2-4; Class Favorite 2; Who's Who 3-4; Track 4; Spanish Club 2; Library Aide 4; Bleacher Bandit 3. **Holly Monique Owen:** Student Council 1-4, Secretary 4; Drama Club 1-4; Vice-Pres. 3, Sec. 4; Track 1-3, Regional Qualifier 3; UIL 1-4, Region-

al and State Alt. 1,3; Cheerleader 4; Drill Team 2-3; Captain 3; Homecoming Queen 4, National Honor Society 2-4; Annual Staff 3-4; Who's Who 3-4. **Craig Page:** National Honor Society 2-4; Basketball 1-4; All District Honorable Mention 2-3; All District 4, Super Team 4; Golf 1-4; Baseball 3,4; Spanish Club 3-4; FFA 1-2; FHA 3-4; Computer Club 2; Basketball MVP 2-3. **Jodi Lynn Renne:** National Honor Society 2-4; Who's Who 4; Drill Team 1-4, Co-Capt. 2, Capt. 4; UIL (Spelling/Drama 1, Spelling 2, Science 4) 1-4; Choir 4; Annual Staff 2; Drama Club 1; FHA 1. **Tim Renneker:** Football 1-4, Super Team 4; Basketball 1,2,4; Track 4; FFA 1-3; Drama Club 4; Band 1; FCA Volleyball 4; All District Football 3-4; Capt. 4. **Rhonda Rubio:** Transfer from Garland; French Club 1-2; Spanish Club 3-4; Drill Team 4; FCA 4; TEP 4; FHA 4. **Dee Dee Sloan. Michael J. Smith:** UIL (Persuasive Speaking) 4; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 2; National Honor Society 4. **Darrin Stewart:** FFA 1-4, Officer 4; Football 1-4; Baseball 4; Library Aide 4; Intramurals 4. **Ashley Stinton:** FFA 1-4; Track 1; FHA 3. **Brian Taylor:** Football 3-4, All District Second Team Kicker/Secondary Track 4; Soccer 1-2; Spanish Club 3; FHA 3; Bleacher Bandit 3; FCA Volleyball Tournament 4. **Brian Thur. Bryan Trapp:** FFA 1-4; Vice-Pres. 4; Track 4; Basketball 2; Most Unpredictable 4. **Christie Trout:** FHA 1-3; Typing 2. **Kara VanHooser. Todd Velekei:** Student Council 1-2; Science Club 1-2; Drama Club 2-4; Library

Aide 2; Office Aide 4; Spanish Club 3-4; French Club 1-2; UIL 4; Math Club 1-2. **Michele Williams:** Band 1-4, Drum Major 4; National Honor Society 2-4; Student Council 2-4; Spanish Club 1-4; Treas. 2; Tennis 1-4; 4-A All Region 1-4; UIL (State Solo) 1-4; Newswriting 3-5th; Basketball 1-4. **Billy J. Wilson:** Football 1-4, Team All District 4; All Area Honorable Mention 4; Baseball 4. **Rodney Wilson:** Football 1-4; Basketball 1-3; Baseball 1; FFA 1-4; FFA Greenhand Pres. 1; Secretary 3; Vice-Pres. 3; Pres. 4; Intramurals 2,4. **Shelly Jon Wilson:** National Honor Society 3,4; Drama Club 4; Band 2,3; Annual Staff 1-4; 1; Drill Team 1-3; Mascot 4; UIL 4; Golf 4; Spanish Club 3. **Mike Wise:** Cheerleader 2-4; Miss Valedictorian 4; National Honor Society 2-4; Drama Club 1-4, Vice-Pres. 4; Spanish Club 3-4; UIL (One-Act Play) 2-4; FCA 4, Treas. 4; Class Officer 4; Football Sweetheart 4. **Michelle Denise Wolfe:** FFA 1-4, Treasurer 4; Library Aide 4; Basketball 1-4; Track Manager 1-2; Cheerleader 1; Miss Spirit 4; Miss Flirt 4; Who's Who 4; UIL (Poetry) 1; Spanish Club 2; Teacher's Aide 4. **Brandt Cameron Wright:** FFA 1-4; UIL (Regional Qualifier) 1-4; Poetry 2,4; Acct. 4; Headline Writer 3,4 1-4; Student Council 1-4; Vice-Pres. 4; National Honor Society 2-4, Pres. 4; Spanish Club 1-4; Pres. 4; Who's Who 4; Most Likely to Succeed, Class Favorite 4; 1-2, Pres. 2; Drama Club 2-3, 3; Annual Staff 1-4, Editor 4; UIL 1-4; Regional Qualifier 4; Basketball 1-3.



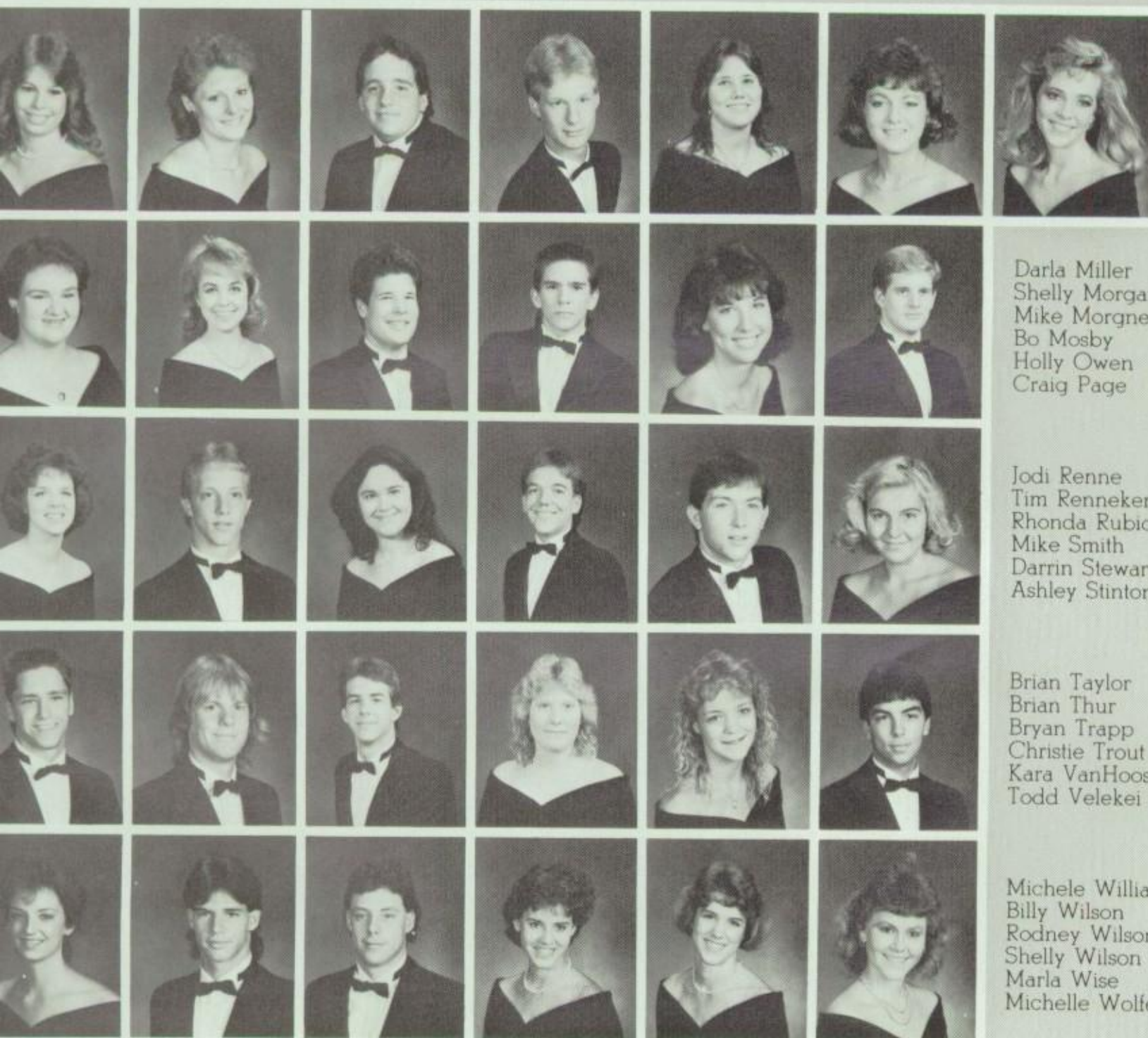
Senior Year Produces Moments To Remember

One's senior year can never arrive soon enough. But when it does, it can never last long enough. Several of the seniors made their final year last longer by making fun-filled moments that will always be a reminder of the year that came and went.

Last year the senior class traveled everywhere from Oklahoma to Six Flags. During their travels the fun times flourished. Sr. Sara

Mahaffey said, "Six Flags was a lot of fun for us. We were out together one last time."

Six Flags, however, was not the last meeting place on the senior's agenda. On May 29, all the seniors gathered for graduation night. Sr. Brandt Wright said, "I had looked forward to graduation night for a long time. Now that it's over, I will never forget it."



Ginger Hill
Sherri Holloway
John Kirley
Bob Lemons
Tamara Long
Sara Mahaffey
Jennifer McCullar

Darla Miller
Shelly Morgan
Mike Morgner
Bo Mosby
Holly Owen
Craig Page

Jodi Renne
Tim Renneker
Rhonda Rubio
Mike Smith
Darrin Stewart
Ashley Stinton

Brian Taylor
Brian Thur
Bryan Trapp
Christie Trout
Kara VanHooser
Todd Velekei

Michele Williams
Billy Wilson
Rodney Wilson
Shelly Wilson
Marla Wise
Michelle Wolfe

YOU'RE EXTRA SPECIAL

Wilson, Wise Named Mr. & Miss VAHS

Last year Billy Wilson and Marla Wise, both seniors, took the honors of Mr. and Miss VAHS. The members of the student body had to choose between four nominees in each category to cast their vote.

Wilson and Wise have both been active in student life throughout high school. Wilson has participated in football, track, and baseball; Wise has been a varsity cheerleader all three years and an active member of the National Honor Society.

Marla Wise
Billy Wilson
Mr. & Miss VAHS



Rebecca Buckner
Derek Bengtson
Best All Around



Michelle Wolfe
Bradley Flatt
Mr. & Miss Flirt



Michele Williams
Brandt Wright
Most Likely to Succeed

Where are we going, Mrs. Flatt and Mrs. Bradley Trapp discuss where senior favorite pictures will be

taken on March 17. Double M Ranch owned by Miron Martin was chosen.



Rebecca Buckner
Marla Wise
Billy Wilson
**Football Sweethearts
& Beau**

Sonya Batchelor
Bryan Trapp
Most Unpredictable



Robin Aly
Justin Buckner
Most Friendly

Robin Aly
Brandt Wright
Class Favorites

Marla Wise
Justin Buckner
Most Attractive

Rebecca Buckner
Billy Wilson
Most Athletic

Shear Magic Clip Art

Some students are fortunate to choose a career in which they can begin their training during high school. One program that is offered for our students is the cosmetology school in Sherman. Jr. Cindy Hammons attends regular classes at Van Alstyne in the morning. Then, she goes to Sherman for on-the-job training in the afternoons.

Cindy decided to become a cosmetologist after her mother graduated from cosmetology school in 1981.

There is more to becoming a cosmetologist than learning to cut hair. After graduation, Cindy said, "I plan to take the Texas State

Board Test in the beginning of June." This test is required before a person can receive their license.

Absenteeism is not accepted in cosmetology school because if you are not there, you can not learn. Cindy said, "I have missed only two or three days, but if you don't make up the hours, you do not graduate.

There are many different fields of cosmetology, Cindy said, "My favorite thing to do is perms. The money is in doing perms."

In high school, training isn't appropriate for everyone, but for those students like Cindy it is an open door to a road of success.



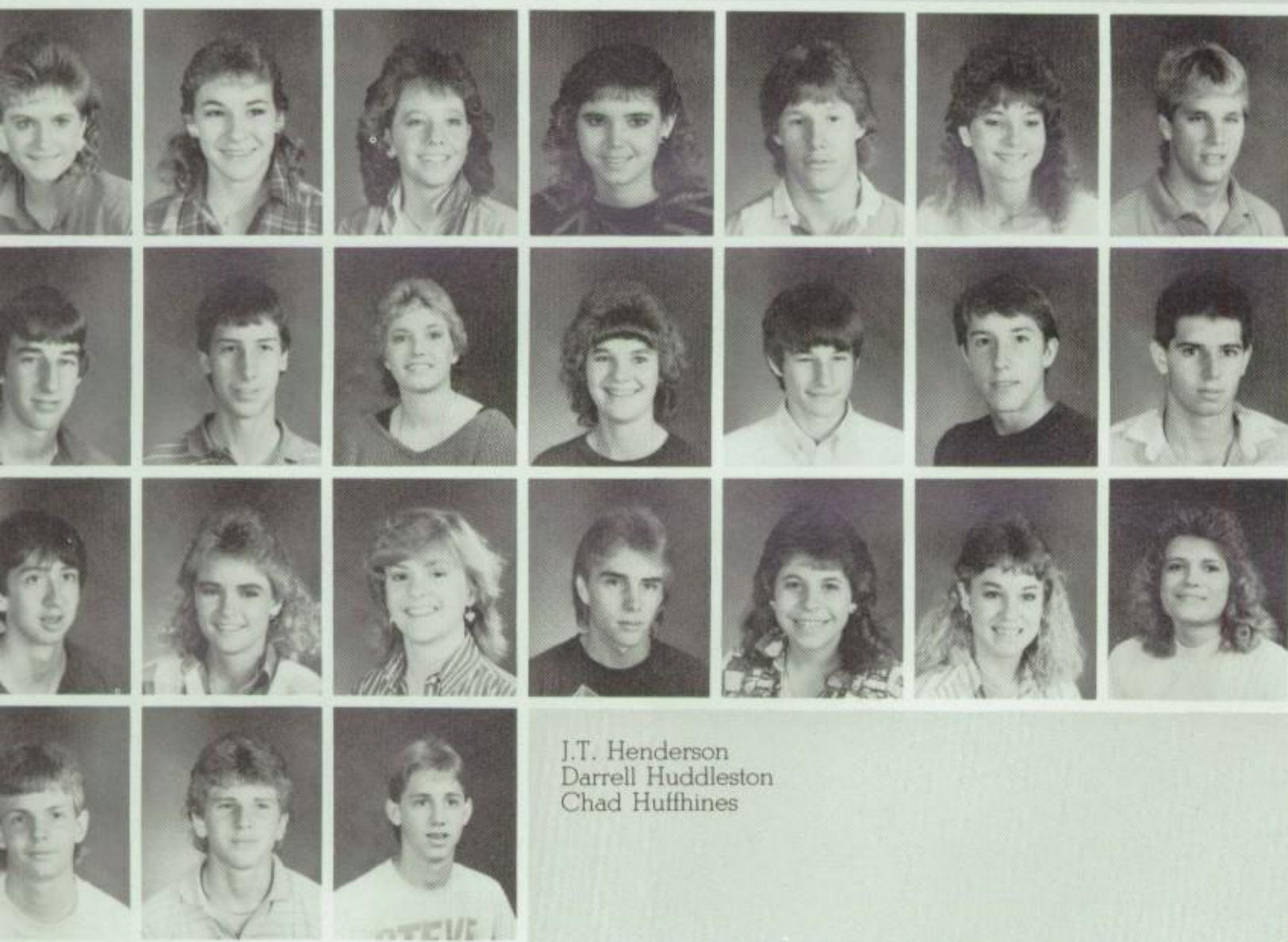
Another sells item! Jr. Jerry Coleman persuades Elsa Lynn Cook to support the Jr. and Sr. Prom by purchasing a magazine subscription.

Head and shoulders. Jr. Cindy Hammons gets into her car to go to Sherman for another class of cosmetology.





The big night! Mrs. Jana Lightfoot, Pam Pittman, Diana Coyle, and Jr. Class Sponsor Jane Ripley sit down once again to plan the Junior and Senior Prom.



Amy Noe Pres.
Pam Pittman V.Pres.
Jana Lightfoot Sec.
Diana Coyle Treas.
Gary Akins
Becky Bannister
David Beaty

Greg Beaty
Keith Blair
Tammy Bodecker
Karin Brown
Richard Cayce
Trent Campion
Daniel Cherry

Jerry Coleman
Stacey Conner
Tiffany Cook
Michael Crawford
Michelle Domingos
Candy Fairchild
Cindy Hammons

J.T. Henderson
Darrell Huddleston
Chad Huffhines

Early Graduation Means Freedom

Free•dom/'fre•dem/: Jr. Kathy O'Cain said, "Being free means you're able to make your own decisions and be your own person." Some students may graduate for the sole reason of freedom. Sr. Laura Harrison said, "I plan to graduate early so I can be free to start my career." But on the other hand some might not think so harsh on the subject. Sr. Jodi Renne said, "I'm not graduating for the sole purpose to gain free-

dom, although I will. I will be free to continue my education a year early and I'm very excited about it." Some students plan to wait to go to college a few years after they graduate, while others plan to jump right into the flow of traffic and start college immediately after high school. Harrison said, "I plan to enter college immediately after I graduate." Those which decide to wait a while must find something to occupy their

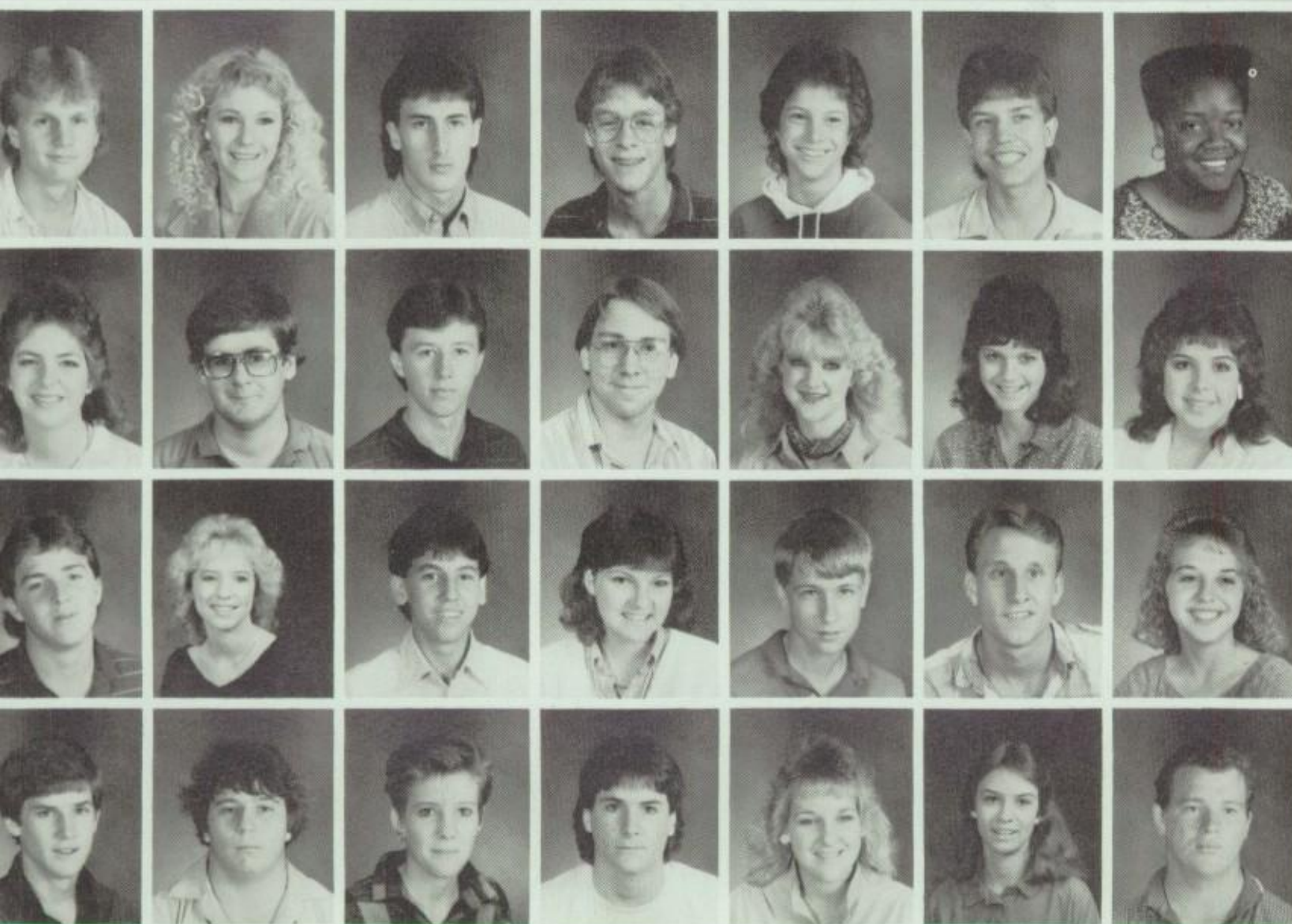
time whether it be work or other. Jr. Lenore M. ney said, "I'm not going straight to college. What I would like to do is travel a while and eventually come back to school."

Whatever decision a student makes toward their education, it will take time, thought, and careful consideration because one day it could effect their freedom.



Boy, how exciting! Daniel Cherry, Jennifer Likely, and David Small stop at Cottonwood Center to have a little fun.





E.J. Jones
Wendy Jones
Stephen Key
Tim Lamson
Jennifer Likely
Vance Linkswiler
Lenora McKinney

Dawn McMahan
Ray McMorris
Mike Moody
Steven Moore
Karin Morris
Kathy O'Cain
Penny Payne

Robert Philbrick
Shelly Phillips
Billy Pope
Laura Reynolds
Keith Simco
Ray Sims
Laura Sloan

David Small
Charles Smith
Stephanie Smith
Jared Sprowl
Amy Troxtell
Amy Windham
Jason Vensel



What a pain! Srs. Jodi Renne and Laura Harrison fill out forms and arrange schedules with the counselor, Laura Gambill, in her office.

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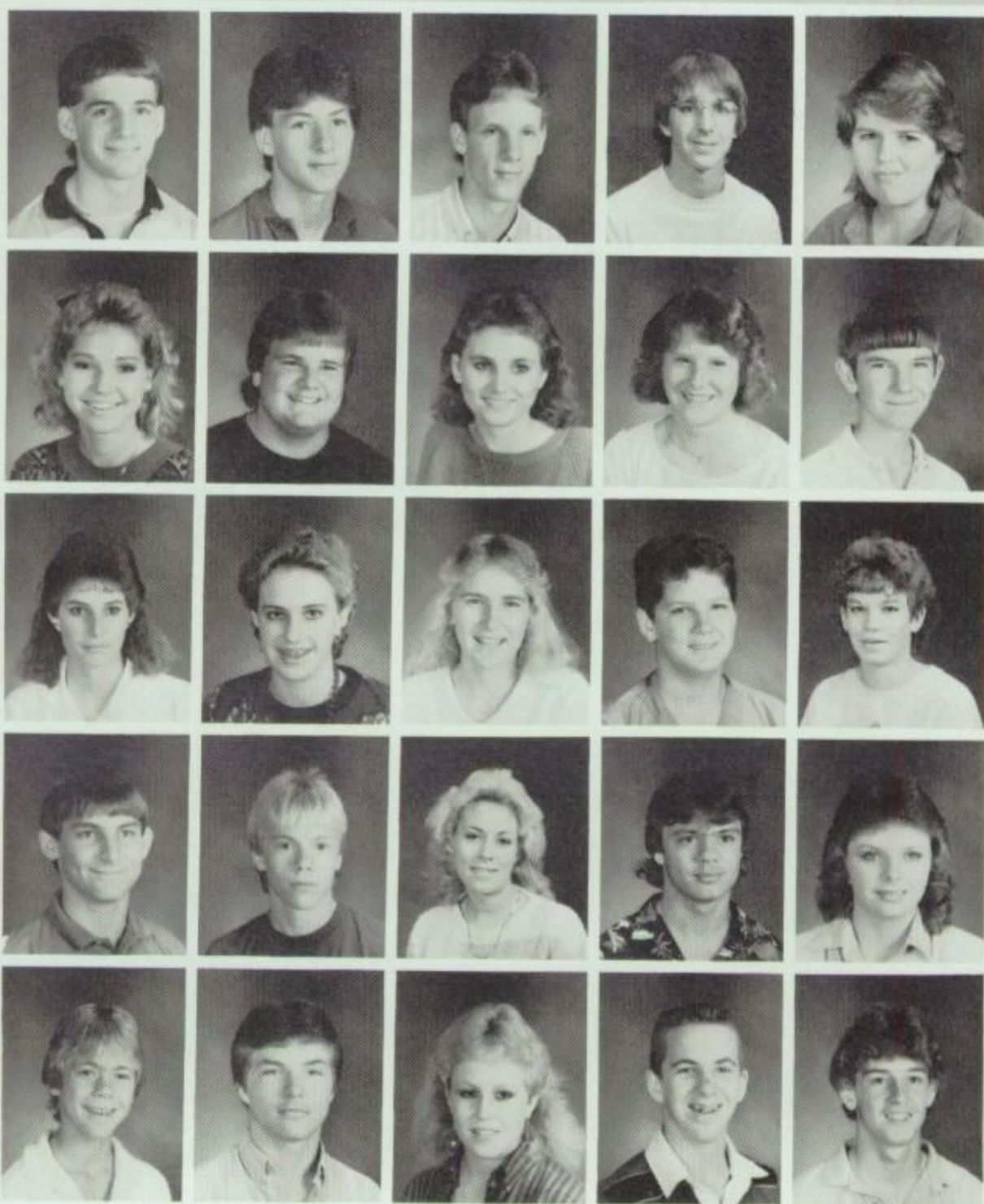
I know it. Sophs. Robin Reynolds, Angela Cherry, and Fresh. Jeremy Bustillos review for their six weeks test in Biology.



Time out for a break. Sophs. Shanna Payne, Raquel Wolfe, Marci Ashley, and Jr. Diana Coyle take a few minutes out for a break.

Let's go blue! Soph. Desiree Dingman helps cheer on the varsity football players at a pep rally.





Doug Campbell Pres.
Carey Pitts V. Pres.
Jay Renneker Sec.
Colin Cate Tres.
Mary Allen

Marci Ashley
Guy Barcheers
Robin Beaumont
Joy Brophy
Thomas Brown

Angela Cherry
Dana Davis
Desiree Dingman
James Douglas
Shannon Exley

James Gardner
Michael Garrison
Rhonda Gouard
Richie Halliburton
Tina Harrison

Lynn Hemphill
M.J. Hicks
Doug Hunter
Michael Jackson
Monica Locks
Daniel McBee
Richard McCabe

Dull Today

Exciting Tomorrow

Although school may be all one day the next day it can be extremely exciting (at school). It mainly depends on one's definition of excitement. To some, excitement may be something they do. Soph. Michael Harrison said, "The day before Thanksgiving we had

green dressing in the Cafeteria and we had a food fight." To others it might be somewhere they go. Soph. Joy Brophy said "My exciting days are the days I fight with my sister, Sheila, in class." Whether a food fight or a sisterly fight, a fight always seems to liven up a

day.

Another thing that makes those days at school run-of-the-mill is when you do the same thing in all classes. Soph. Chet Stephens said "One day all we did was take notes in every class except, off-season where we ran all hour."

When someone mentions school they are likely to get a rather morbid response but deep down inside don't we all look forward to those few days of school that are not dull but really exciting.

Take 3; Anacin III. Soph. Marcus O'Brien concentrates on information for his pilot's test.

All in a days work. Three underclassmen get their books to end a day of school but begin a night of studying.



Come, Fly With Me

Soph., Marcus O'Brien, outside of school, is interested in flying airplanes. He has been interested in flying for about a year now. Marcus said, "My dad's flying influenced me into wanting to become a pilot. We have our own business, with about ten planes that

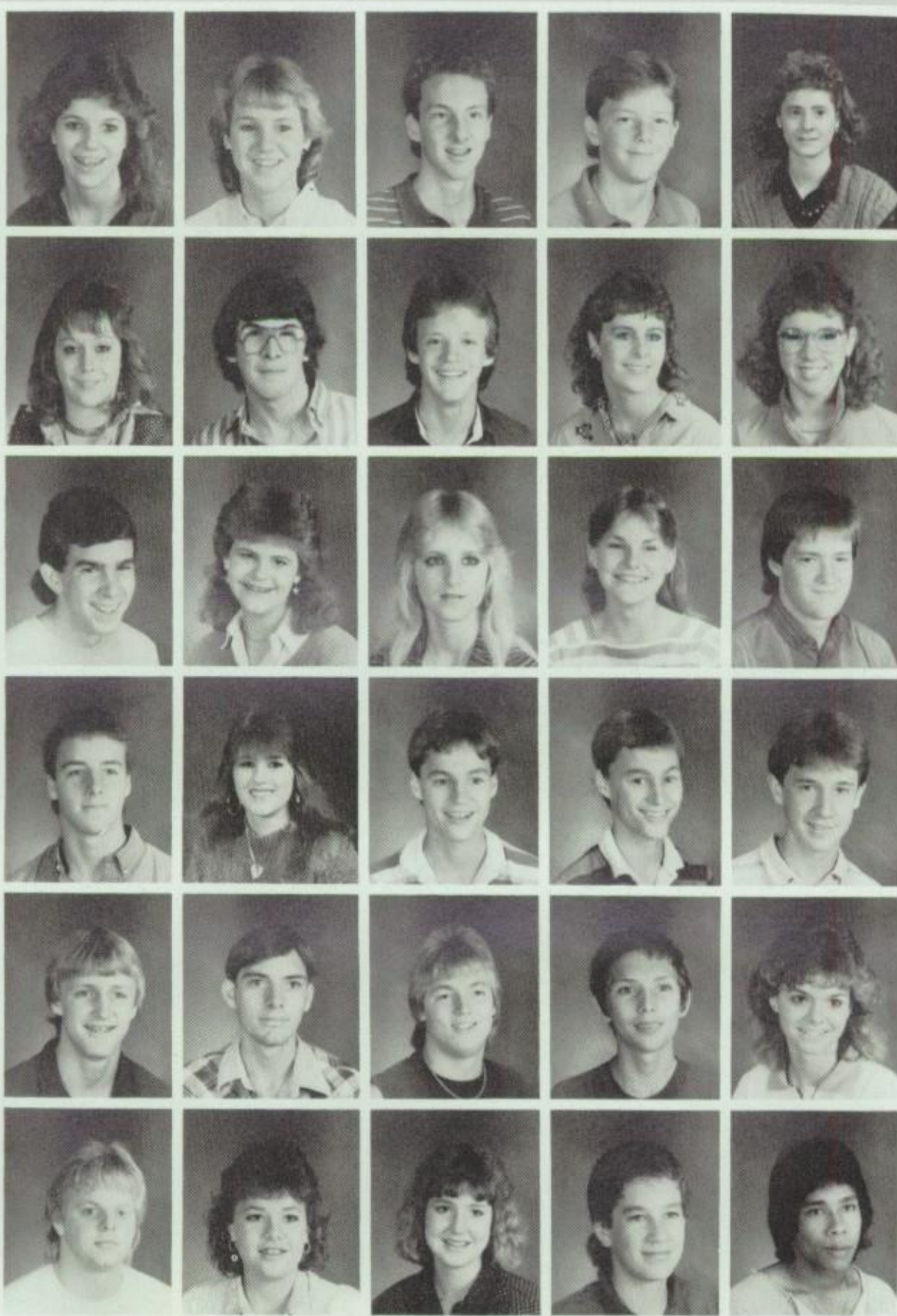
we rent to people. I will probably become an airplane mechanic, and I want to learn a little more about turbine engines."

Eventually, Marcus would like to obtain a license to fly a Cessna 152. "I study about two hours a day, and I have flown a

Cessna 210, which carries about six passengers." Marcus would also like to obtain a Cessna 210 license. "I think it is difficult if you've never gone up before. First, they give you a demonstration ride. The instructor flies for an hour, then he lets you have the control for 30 min-

utes."

After Marcus obtains a license and becomes a pilot, he wants to start his own airplane business to teach people about airplane engines. It seems as if he has his future successfully planned out.



April McCollum
Terri McKay
Jason McTee
Greg Moody
Shannon Moore

Juli Mora
Marcus O'Brien
Tommy Offill
Shanna Payne
Robin Reynolds

Farrel Richie
Nayna Salmon
Susan Scalf
Tracy Shearer
Brice Smith

Chet Stephens
Andrea Swint
James Tepera
Michael Tepera
Jim Trammell

Shea Trammell
Jeff Waller
John Watson
Jerry Welch
Donna Williams

Raymond Williams
Raquel Wolfe
Laura Woodroof
Shawn Wright
Richard Yost

Siblings Rivalries

As the school year began, many seniors had to realize that their little brother or sister was going to finally be in high school. To some, this may be an advantage, to others, a burden. Fresh. Lori DeHaven said, "My sister and I really don't talk all that much and I can't wait until she moves out."

Freshmen have an advantage over others. Their reputations are partially made through their older

brother or sister. Also, the awful bus ride every morning and afternoon may be over since they can bum a ride from their senior siblings.

Seniors on the other hand, may feel that their little brother or sister is a nuisance. Fresh. Julie Bachelor said, "We don't ever talk at school, and we act like we don't know each other."

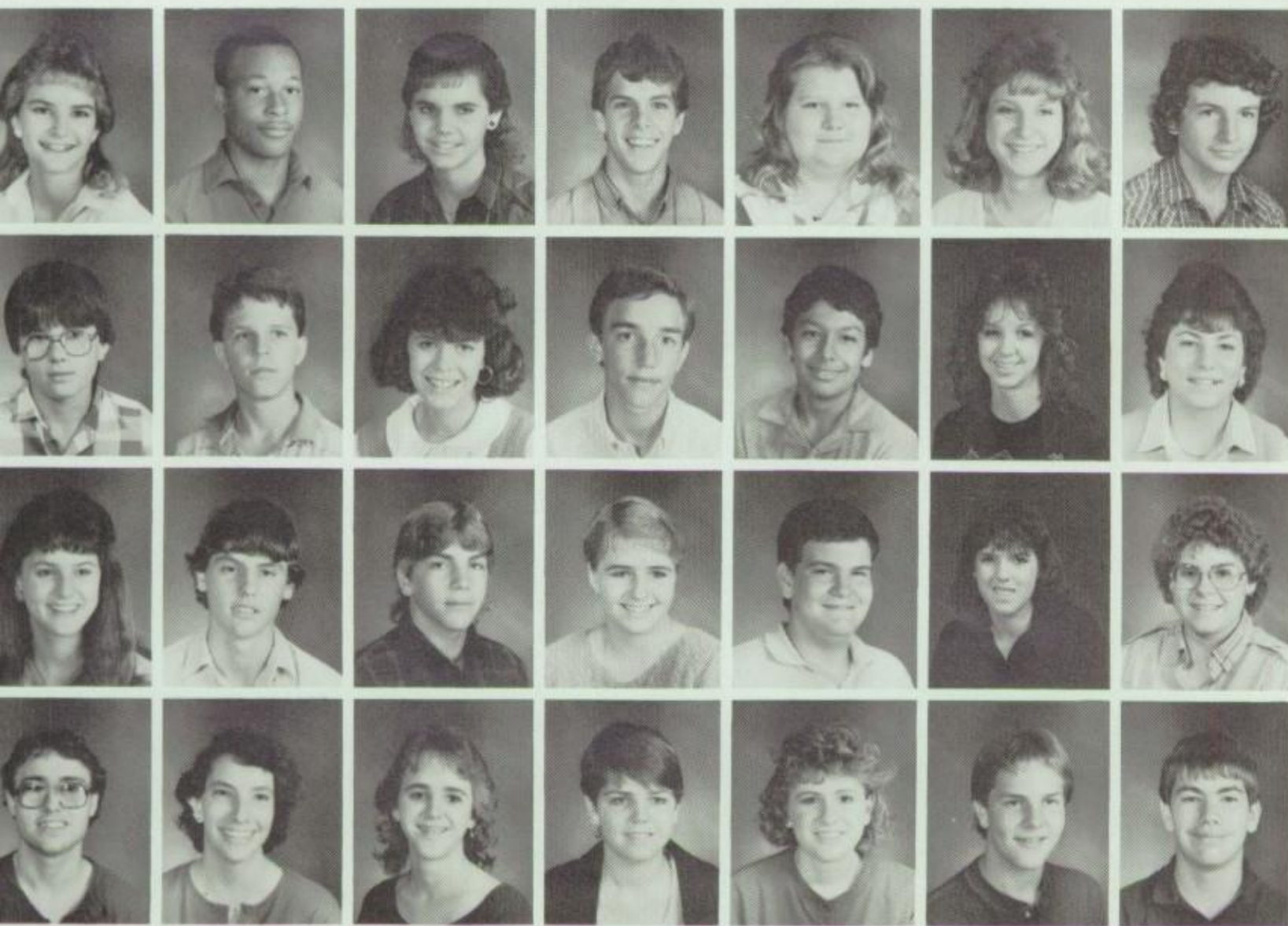
Although all siblings get in fights, there are always

the brothers and sisters have close relationships even though there is a year difference in their Fresh. Sheila Graf said, "My sister and I usually along pretty well. She takes me places with her sometimes."

Siblings, such as the enjoy being together doing activities as friends. For the most part, they don't really consider themselves siblings.



Derek, quit it! Fresh. Julie Bengtson and Sr. Derek Bengtson have a quarrel after school.



Carey Conner Pres.
Curtis Corbray V. Pres.
Jeanne Coyle Sec.
Shawn Beaty Treas.
Regina Ary
Julie Batchelor
Steven Beck

Trent Bell
Devon Bengtson
Julie Bengtson
Neal Bodecker
Jeremy Bustillos
Shannon Cannon
Trudy Christman

Jennifer Coleman
Wesley Cook
Darrell Crawford
Lori DeHaven
Gary Elliot
Sarah Evans
April Geer

Larry Gentry
Sheila Graf
Gayla Henderson
Jeanne Anne Hicks
Natalie Hill
Jason Hix
Allan Holtzman



Facts of life are discussed between sisters, Sr. Lisa DeHaven and Fresh. Lori DeHaven as they have one of their sisterly chats.

Please, Just Five More Minutes

What's the absolute worst part of the day? Most everyone would agree that it's hearing the alarm go off in the morning. Pulling the covers off and stepping out onto the hard, cold floor ranks a close second. Fresh. Tracy Lamson said, "The first thing I do when I wake up in the morning is throw my alarm clock on the floor!"

It is always difficult to make yourself get out of bed. Some people have special ways they go about it. Fresh. Carey Conner said, "If I don't jump right out of bed in the morning, I

know I won't ever be able to get up. Then I'll be late." Another way to spend the morning is expressed by Fresh. Chris Moody. "I wake up at 7:00 by my mom. Then I go take a shower, get dressed, eat breakfast, and leave to go to school."

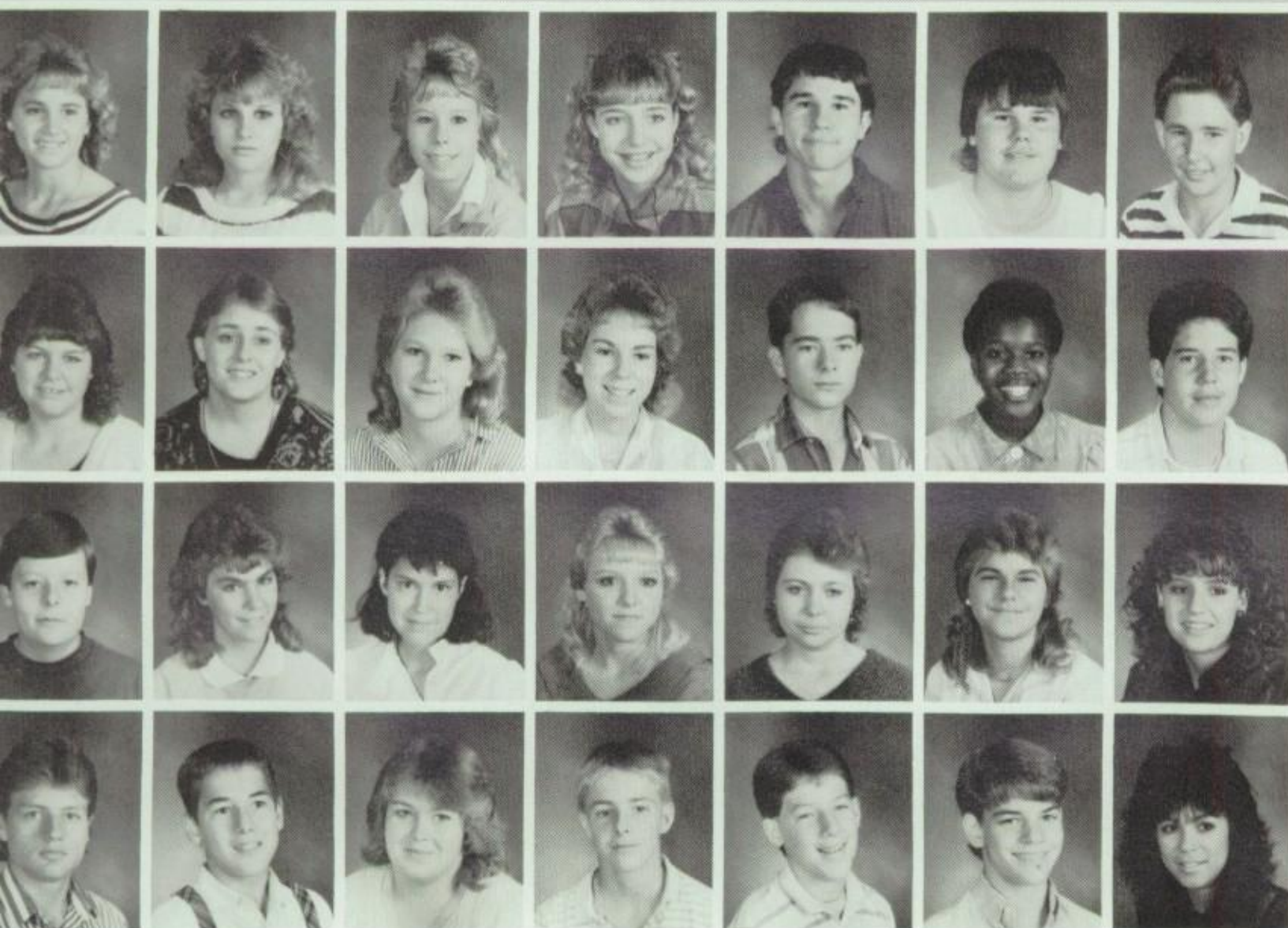
Whatever the method, whatever the mood it's done in, sooner or later everyone, whether a Freshman or a Senior, must wake up and start the day in any fashion. As you can tell, everyone has their own special way of getting up in the morning.

But I guess you never tried Barraccini Fresh. Carey Conner eats her Barriccini ice cream on her way to journalism workshop.





Five more minutes! Fresh. Chris Weatherley unwillingly awakens from a long night of sleep to face a day of school.



Christy Huffhines
Cassie Jones
Tracey Lamson
Chey Laube
Jamie Lawrence
Terry Lawrence
Allan Leach

Penny Madding
Tammy McCabe
Valerie Miller
Kristi Moore
Brian Morgan
Rhonda Murphy
Bracken Reece

Ryan Reed
Stacy Rollins
Robin Ross
Amy Sirkle
Misty Sloan
Nichole Spencer
Ginger Stephens

Mark Stevenson
Josh Stinton
Annette Waller
Chris Weatherley
Brent Williams
Patrick Williams
Ana Yost

F.F.A.

Future Freshman Of America

Eighth grade was an interesting experience for all. There were many new changes, including a new art class and a band class that included both seventh and eighth graders.

The new school building also contributed to the changes at the middle school. Eighth grader David Wade said, "I enjoy our

new building it provides a better environment for learning."

Yet, for these students, learning wasn't limited to the classroom. They went on field trips to the Dallas Repertory Theater and on an annual sci-club trip to NASA. Eighth grader Jenny Renne said, "I think the highlight of our year was

the trip to NASA. We go spend the weekend together and learn at the same time."

Although it was an exciting year, most eighth graders are looking forward to high school. Eighth grader Kasey Harris said, "I liked eighth grade, but high school is going to be great."

Kristen Adams
 Brandon Alterman
 Rita Anderson
 Angela Barcheers
 Cathy Barnes



Dana Beaty
 William Brookshire
 Chris Brown
 Chris Carl
 Brian Carter



Eric Carter
 Frankie Chandler
 Dorothy Craver
 Kelly Cunningham
 Jack Daniels



James Daniels
 Shane Davidson
 Jennifer Dilbeck
 Michael Doty
 Serena Doty



Angela Evers
 Dean Flatt
 Jody Fletcher
 Bridget Gaskill
 Geoffrey Gibb



Lean on me . . . Eighth grader Ryan Hampton uses the middle school wall for support during his bike ride.



Michael Green
Ryan Hampton
Kasey Harris
Tom Helland
Chris Hill
Kevin Hix
Jimmy Holley

R.J. Howard
Patsy Hunter
Brian Jackson
Misty James
Brad Jenkins
Jeremy Johnston
Mark Key

Billy Lenoir
Danny Loftice
Josh Malone
Roy Lee McClusky
Kim Miracle
Brad Nevil
Kyle Null

Michele Pagent
Brandi Pope
Tammy Pope
Jenny Renne
Robin Reynolds
Eric Sanderson
Tommy Shearer

Susan Sims
Kristina Sisterman
Jason Spencer
Andy Spillers
Barbara Sullivan
Billy Thornhill
Shawn Treadway

Cory Troxtell
Nathan Vensel
David Wade
Michael Waller
Tara Wallis
Kendra Whitehead
Marcy Wiggins

Cathy Williams
Misty Wilson
Sharri Wilson
Alice Windham
Michele Wurscher



Responsibility

A Lesson Well Learned

Seventh grade was an interesting year; students were no longer bottom of the barrel. Yet, they still weren't the big men on campus. Seventh grader Daron Sanderson said, "This year was more fun than last year. Since we weren't sixth graders anymore we got more freedom and respect." On top

of the new-found respect from sixth graders, the seventh grade class got to break in a new building complete with new teachers.

The coaches and teachers helped seventh graders on the road to the future. Seventh grader Justin Partin said, "My coaches taught me to push

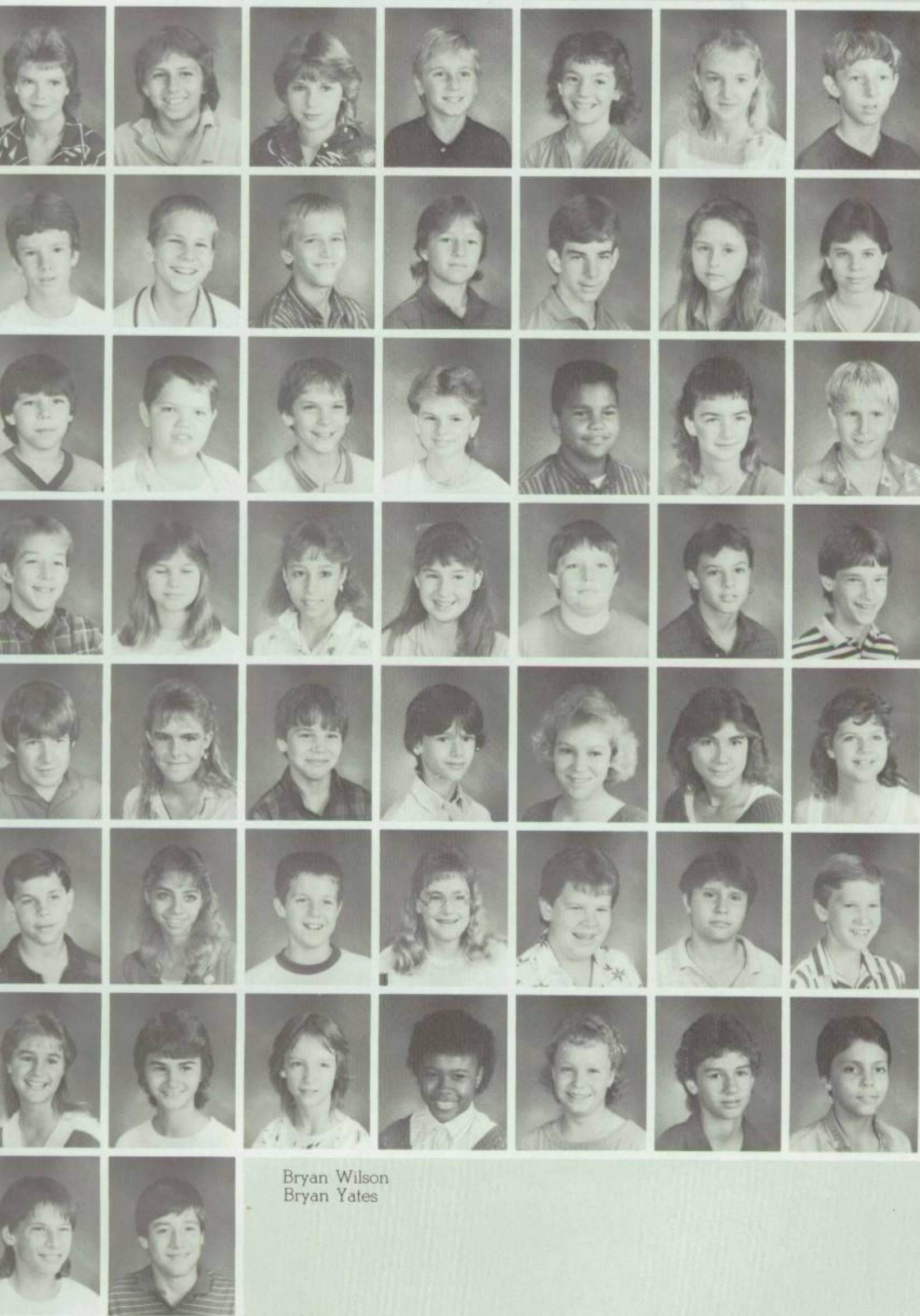
myself to my limits." Not only did teachers and coaches teach determination, they taught responsibility on the field and in the classroom. Seventh grader Leslie Reynold said, "My teachers taught me to set goals for myself and work hard to achieve them." Now isn't that what it's all about?



Seventh grader Susan O'Cain was one of many to participate in the fun and frolic of Halloween Day.

Guys gossip too! Seventh graders Shane Trail and Carl Bodecker discuss plans for the upcoming weekend.





Lisa Alexander
 Clifford Arthur
 Dana Bass
 Carl Bodecker
 Anita Bradley
 Bonnie Cate
 Sean Crosson

Stephen Dodson
 David Doty
 Daniel Flatt
 Kelly Grann
 Michael Gentry
 Helen Grinkle
 Sara Hassel

Donald Hessel
 Eric Hicks
 Jon Hix
 Crystal Howard
 Steven Howard
 Becky Jacobson
 John Paul Jay

Stephen Kee
 Jennifer Kisler
 Teri Lamson
 Leane Lay
 Robert Lewis
 Michael McMorris
 David Malone

Toby Malone
 Naomi Mertze
 Billy Miller
 Clay Morr
 Mickey Morrison
 Sandra Netherlain
 Susan O'Cain

Justin Partin
 Jena Presley
 Benji Reece
 Leslie Reynolds
 Joe Ritchie
 Guy Sanders
 Daron Sanderson

Stacy Self
 Tera Self
 Rosa Smith
 Tremena Taylor
 Jodie Tilley
 Shane Trail
 Mark Williams

Bryan Wilson
 Bryan Yates

YES

YOU'RE EXTRA SPECIAL

At The Bottom Of The Barn A New Beginning

At the beginning of the year, most sixth graders were apprehensive about their first year in middle school. Sixth grader Kristen Jones said, "Last year was exciting but a little scary because it was so different

from grade school."

But, as the days went by, most began to feel right at home. Many events were planned to help them adjust to their first year of middle school. Sixth grader Dori Likely said, "It was neat get-

ting to go to the pep-rally especially on the dress days."

Over all, most sixth graders enjoyed their first year of middle school and looking forward to the next two years.

Jennifer Alexander
Jeannette Alexander
Bethany Ary
William Barrett
Stacia Beaty



Chris Bell
Tim Billups
Kenneth Brookshire
Ricky Brown
Veronica Cameron



Natalie Cannon
Tamara Cherry
Amy Coleman
Joe Cunningham
Lane DeHaven



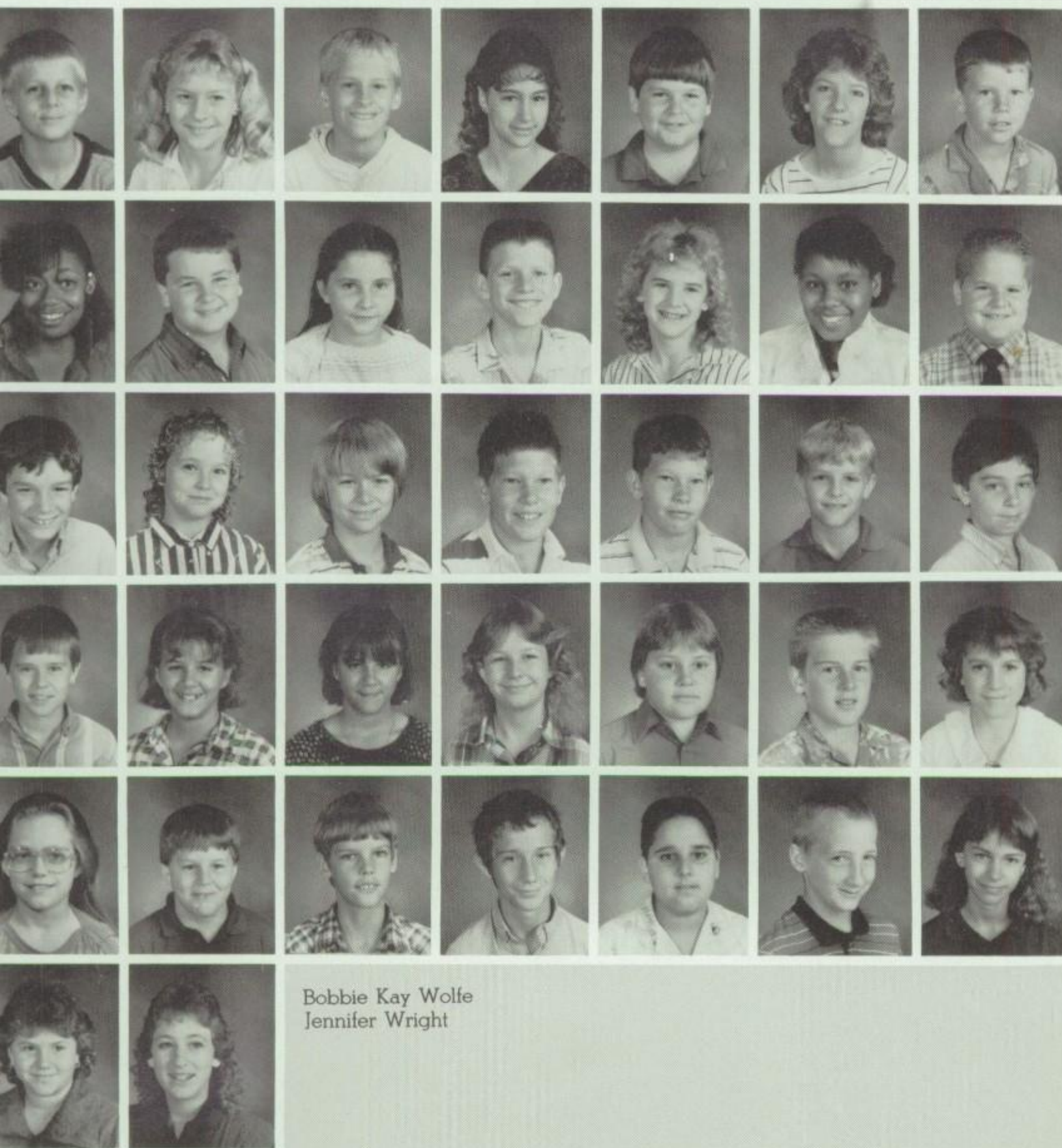
Sonya Gouard
Arlon Hill
Christie Halliburton
Christy Hammons
Scott Hampton



Regina Harris
Angie Hix
Kristi Holley
Brenda Holtzman
Jason Hornbeck



The winner is ... 6th graders Scott Hampton, Amy Coleman and Brenda Holtzman play their costumes at a junior high pep-rally.



Mike Horne
Kristin Jones
Mike Lewis
Dori Likely
Bobby McFarland
Angela Miracle
Jeffrey Moody

Rita Murphy
Gary Neill
Michelle Netherlain
Toby Noe
Erica O'Brien
Clara Orr
Jeremy Ragsdale

Sam Ritchie
Christie Roland
Jeremy Roland
Don Sadler
Jon Sadler
Brent Samuels
Shane Savage

Jason Small
Laura Smith
Lydia Smith
Tabatha Smith
Chris Srader
Seth Stinton
Kelly Sullivan

Kim Tuftee
Shane Turner
Jason Young
Billy Welch
Robby White
Paul Williams
Crsytal Windham

Bobbie Kay Wolfe
Jennifer Wright



Y E S

YOU'RE EXTRA SPECIAL



The next generation!
Teachers and their children attend the Student Council Hamburger Supper before the Howe football game.

School Board: D. Offill, J. Moody, K. McTee, B. Redden, H. Bing, D. Bengtson, C. Williams.





Mrs. Brenda Bonner: Language Arts
 *Mr. David Boyd: Athletics/Math
 *Mr. Tom Carden: Athletics

*Mrs. Clara Chandler: Language Arts
 *Miss Tina Collins: Special Education
 Mrs. Betty Cox: Special Education

*Mrs. Melinda Davenport: Band
 Mrs. Leslie Fisher: Science/Math
 Mrs. Vicki Fletcher: Secretary

Mrs. Laura Gambill: Counselor
 Mrs. Jan Harris: Community Education
 *Mr. Glenn Hayes: Science/Athletics

Mrs. Beth Howard: Spanish/Business
 Mrs. Nellie Jacobs: Language Arts
 *Middle School Faculty

Oldies, But Goodies . . .

Anticipation, excitement, and relief are just a few emotions that follow the senior year. But when the time comes to recall those special memories, does the relief carry you away to a point of no remembering? For some yes, for others no. Coach Tom Carden said, "I really can't remember that much about my senior year." When Carden started thinking he remembered more than he thought would. Carden said, "I

was in football, basketball, track and I was also in choir. I was in a musical Once Upon A Mattress. That was fun. I was an A-B student. Other than that that's all I remember. You have to realize that was eleven years ago."

Coach Jim Martin had no trouble at all remembering his senior year. Martin said, "One night, on our Senior trip, a few of my friends were playing poker in our room. Our history and dra-

ma teacher, Iris Jones' husband caught us playing poker. I thought that was it. Jones told us to deal him in and we did. I almost starved coming home because I had no money to eat on. It was a long trip, we were in Colorado Springs for our Senior trip. I had fun and enjoyed my Senior year."

Everyone has their share of moments to remember. Supt. Charles Williams took great pride being Halloween King his Senior year.

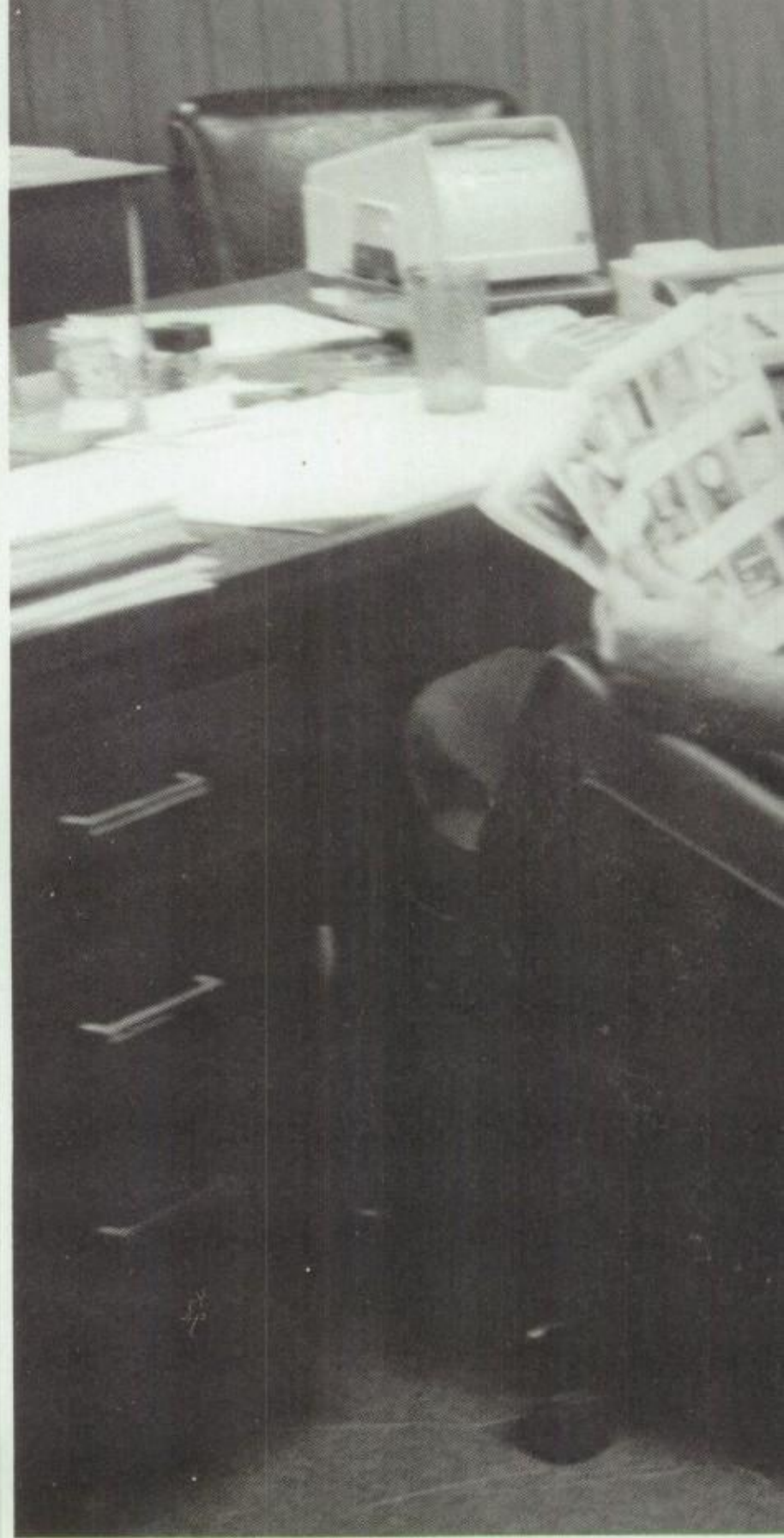
But why? Charles Williams said, "I enjoyed being that most of all because my sister was in the court. All the court had to bow to the King and Queen. She said she was not going to bow, but when the time came she was bowing while at the same time she was sticking out her tongue at me."

When it comes right down to it they all have memories, good, bad, or indifferent. However the good times out weigh the

YES

YOU'RE EXTRA SPECIAL

Child at heart. Superintendent Charles Williams relaxes while reading a Texas Association magazine.



... They Were Young Once, Too

bad almost every time. There were sporting events, proms, parties, and most important graduation. Leslie Fisher said, "Well, at our graduation I met a guy in our class that I had never seen before and we really hit it off."

High school is one of the greatest influences on a

person's life. It can be these times when a person decides exactly what they want to do with their lives.

Brenda Bonner said, "I enjoyed my speech and English classes. I had the same teacher for both classes. She was a fantastic person who influenced me to become a teacher."

The memories are treasured and the teachers are wonderful to share. The past does not repeat itself. The students of the past are now the teachers of today. You may never catch a teacher saying, "Those were the days, so are these."



Would You Believe

Mrs. Deborah Nance: Miss Personality, Vice-President "Ye Merrie Stenos" Secretarial Club, Munchkin in *The Wizard Of OZ*, Shorthand Award, Student Council.

Mrs. Brenda Bonner: One of five graduate speakers at Commencement, Academic Award for English, Vice-President of F.H.A., Speech and Drama Club, Honor Graduate.

Mrs. Mary Wade: First place U.I.L. Twirling/Band Marching Competition, F.H.A. Officer, 91 overall average.

Mrs. Nancy Weatherley: Miss C.H.S. (Celeste High), Miss D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution), Co-editor of school newspaper, Head Majorette, Regional qualifier in tennis-second place.

Mrs. Beth Howard: All-Region Choir, alternate to All-State Choir, Vice President Future Teachers Organization, Debate Club, National Forensic League.

Mrs. Betty Cox: Senior Play, (Sky Road), Thespian Award.

Mrs. Jeanne LaMountain: Performed in a music show.

Mrs. Melinda Davenport: Who's Who in Music, Thespian Award Mississippi Honor Band.

Mr. Marc McDaniel: Valedictorian, Salutatorian, President Student Council, Mr. Intellectual, Most Likely to Succeed.

Mrs. Peggy Abernathy: Honor Girl, Head Cheerleader, Shorthand Award, National Honor Society.

Mrs. Paula Morris: National Honor Society, Student Council Secretary, Pep Club Pres. Homecoming Princess. Academic College Scholarship, Miss Lee's Summit, Miss Jackson County (Missouri).

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson: delegate to Junior Historian's Convention in Austin, Senior Play, runner-up for Queen of the Confederate Ball.



Mrs. Jeanne LaMountain: Drama/
Language Arts
Mr. Don Lightfoot: Principal
Mr. Jimmy Martin: P.E./Social Studies
Mr. Michael Metze: Band
Mrs. Kathy Mitchell: Math/Science
*Mrs. Paula Morris: Language Arts

Mrs. Deborah Nance: Business
Miss Jane Ripley: Science
*Miss Beverly Robison: Athletics
*Miss Susan Seiring: Social Studies
Mr. Mike Weatherley: Athletics/Math
*Mrs. Nancy Weatherley: Language Arts

Mr. Charles Williams: Superintendent
*Mr. Kent Whitehead: Science
Not Pictured:
Mrs. Carol Likely: Secretary/Bookkeeper
Mrs. Mildred Veale: Tax Office
Mrs. Peggy Abernathy: Librarian
Mr. Robert Matthews: Ag

Mr. Marc McDaniel: Athletics/Social Studies
Mr. Damon Monley: Ag
Mr. John Wade: Social Studies
Mrs. Mary Wade: Homemaking
*Mr. Jerry Page: Principal
*Mr. Billy Hayes: Math
*Mrs. Carolyn Johnston: Reading/Special Education

ALL SAID AND DONE

When the Student Council or Choir set goals for the coming year, is it all talk? In some cases yes, in some no. The ideas are simple, but the hard work is not. Every organization can think of fund raisers or service projects to help meet those goals, but whether or not that goal is actually met is a different story.

Students had a lot to look forward to during 1986-87. The Spanish II students went to Dallas for a Flamenco Dance at the Loews Anatole Hotel. Later in the year, those Spanish Club members who were qualified visited San Antonio for four days.

The Band program took their annual trip. They went farther north to Colorado Springs, Colorado to participate in contest.

In general, the hard work that is required to make a successful organization is rare. Every school has had its share of good and bad. But after it is **ALL SAID AND DONE**, it is a known fact that the good outweighed the bad at Van Alstyne High School. From the Spanish Club in San Antonio to the Band in Colorado Springs, the student body from Van Alstyne set an example to follow.





Cheek to cheek! The cheerleaders performed a falling pyramid before Sr. Marla Wise literally took a turn for the worse.

Friday, September 12, proved to be a real tear jerker as Student Council members Sr. Brandt Wright and Jr. Tiffany Cook try to fight the onions.



Mirror, mirror on the wall. Fr. Shannon Cannon, Sarah Evans, Christie Huffhines, and Jr. Michelle Boddie work on mirrored pantomines in Drama class.



Done On Stage

Staging scenes and stage band — although these are common phrases, they took on new meaning last year. Along with the new addition to the high school, the fine arts department gained a new stage for practice and performances.

The drama classes last year were held in the new cafetorium. They were able to rehearse during class and leave props and equipment on the stage without having to take them down for another class. Fr. Gayla Henderson said, "Drama is a lot of fun, and the new stage is really an asset to the program."

The band also found the

"Quotable"

"The new stage is a real asset to the Drama program.
Gayla Henderson Fr.

stage to be a useful thing to have around. The middle and high school bands held their concerts and occasional rehearsals in the cafetorium. Mr. Metze, band director, said, "It is great to have a stage that the band can fit on. The extra room makes the band look and sound better also."

When the band wasn't on stage, they were on the field either practicing or performing at the weekly football games. The band spent the first half of the season on the field performing half-time shows at all the games. Jr. Stacey Conner said, "Marching is fun most of the time except when the weather is bad and it's hard to concentrate."

The whole purpose of organizations like the Drama Club and Band is to perform. The people in these programs put a lot of time into presenting shows for the audiences, but they enjoy what they're doing which makes it all worth while.





Center of attention. As usual, Sr. Brian Taylor is in the middle of everything during a rehearsal in Drama class.

Making beautiful music. The middle school band's flute section plays during a daily rehearsal.





Watch out Elsie! Here comes Ace. Soph. Greg Moody gives his cow hay on a dark and rainy night.

Sweet on candy! Soph. Laura Woodroof and Jr. Tiffany Cook work in the Spanish club concession stand to earn points for the Spanish Club trip in the spring.



Done Texas Style

Living in Texas can sometimes be a challenge. It's hard to get along if you don't know any Spanish, or you don't know anything about agriculture.

The Spanish Club was full of kids who wanted to be able to communicate with a good part of the population of Texas. The number of Spanish-Americans in Texas increases almost every day. Speaking the language comes in very handy for just about everything. Sr. Robin Aly said, "Being in Spanish Club is beneficial because you

"Quotable"

"I really like animals and working with them."

Lynn Hemphill,
So.

learned more about an interesting subject. They spent their time raising animals for slaughter or learning how to work on engines. Soph. Lynn Hemphill said, "I want to be a veterinarian and I really do like animals and working with them."

When the year was over, these two groups of students found themselves better able to reside in a state like Texas. Some may not live in Texas after school, but no matter where they live, the skills they acquired will always come in handy.

learn about Spanish Culture."

The FFA group spent a year or more learning how to live in Texas also. They prepared themselves for a career in agriculture or just



Taking a siesta. Soph. Robin Reynolds snoozes off under the shade of her sombrero.

Done With A Little Hip

Hippy though they may be, this year's cheerleaders and drill team have worked hard and done a really great job of keeping up that Panther spirit. They've been at all the games and pep rallies cheering on the fans as well as the team and each other.

Although cheerleading was a lot of hard work, it had its good points too. Sr. cheerleader Lisa DeHaven said, "I really enjoy cheering at football games, but there is a lot of hard work involved in it. What I really like most is to prepare all week for a game and then make it a big success. That is when all the hard work pays off."

The Jr. Varsity cheerleaders also put a lot into the games. Since there was no team last year, they

"Quotable"

"I like to plan for a big game and then make it a great success."

Lisa DeHaven,
Sr.

cheered second half of the varsity games. Soph. cheerleader, Laura Woodroof said, "I wish we had had a J. V. team, but it was great cheering at the varsity games."

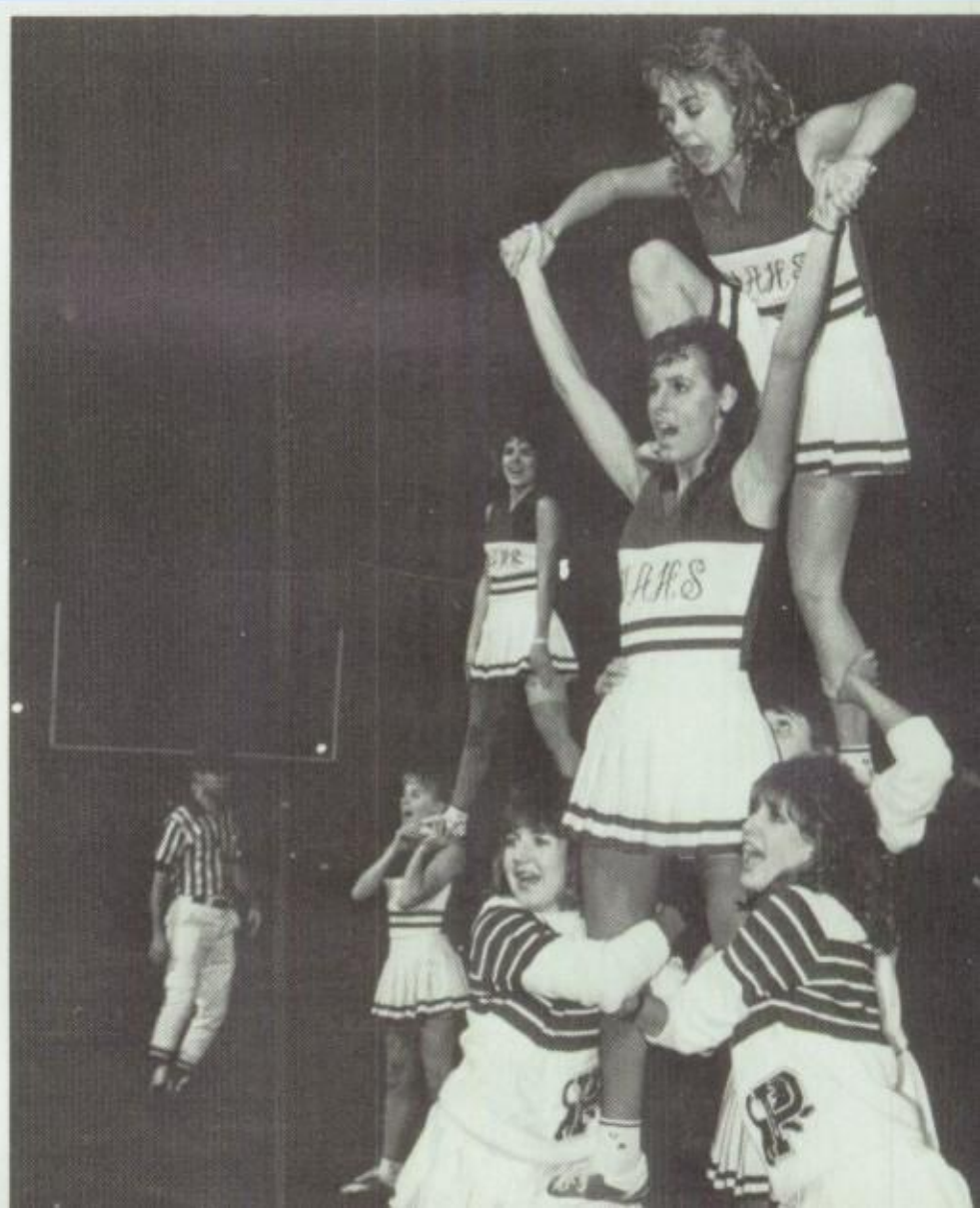
The drill team was also a hard working group of spirit boosters. The drill team practiced every day after school to prepare a pep rally show and a half-time show each week. It had its worth while aspects also. Jr.

drill team member Stephanie Smith said, "I think the whole year was great! We've worked hard all season, and I think it really shows out there on the field."

The drill team had strong leadership this year with Jodi Renne, captain, Shelley Douglas, co-captain, and Tiffany Cook, lieutenant in charge. Jr. Tiffany Cook said, "I really love being lieutenant for the drill team, because they have a strong desire to do good and they're very easy to work with."

Few people realize how much work goes into a pep rally or a half time show. These girls spent hours every day getting their cheers and routines just right, but the reward of a winning team makes it well-spent time.

Boost that spirit. Cheerleader Shelly Morgan climbs to the top of Robin Aly, Laura Woodroof, and Julie Batchelor while they cheer at a Friday night game.





Let's go Panthers. Cheerleaders Marla Wise and Holly Owen cheer the Panthers on at a Friday night football game.

Ups and downs. The Panther drill team performs a routine for the student body at a weekly pep rally.

National Honor Society members Sr. Robin Aly and Jr. Jana Lightfoot look over available scholarships with sponsor, Miss Ripley.

Head to head. Stephanie Smith and Tracy Shearer face off at the powder puff football game held last fall.



That's the ticket! Srs. Lara Allen, Brandt Wright, and Holly Owen make decisions about the donkey basketball game.



Done With Class

Student council and National Honor Society are both highly respected organizations. This is due, in part, to the things they do and the high standards you must meet to be on them.

To be on the student council, one must first go before the student council to be interviewed. Then four people are chosen to campaign. The class then holds an election and chooses the two new members. Fr. Carey Conner said, "I tried out for student council so I could represent the school, and because I like to set an example for everyone else."

Some of the activities of the student council last year included organizing the

"Quotable"

"It makes me feel good to cheer up the elderly."
Jana Lightfoot, Jr.

powder puff football game, donkey basketball, and a homecoming dance. Sr. Derek Bengtson said, "The activities are an integral part of school, and the student council provides good activities for school involvement."

To be on the National Honor Society one must have an average of 85 or above. The teachers and principal choose students

they feel would make good members and hand out questionnaires for them to fill out. The new inductees are chosen from these.

Some of the activities of the National Honor Society last year included decorating the retirement home at Christmas and the induction of new members in the spring. Jr. Jana Lightfoot said, "It makes me feel good that we could do something like making ornaments to cheer up the elderly."

These organizations are regarded with a lot of pride. Whenever they start a project, no matter what it is, you can be sure it will be done with class.

May we help? Librarian, Mrs. Abernathy, and Jr. E.J. Jones work in the library.



Done Without Class

Because of scheduling problems, one group of students ended up with free classes. Rather than letting them wander the halls for an hour, they were put to work in the office or library.

Some people didn't have a class they were eligible to take during that period. Others just didn't want to take the classes offered. Soph. Angela Cherry said, "I'm an office aide second period because I didn't want P.E. or was it? No! It

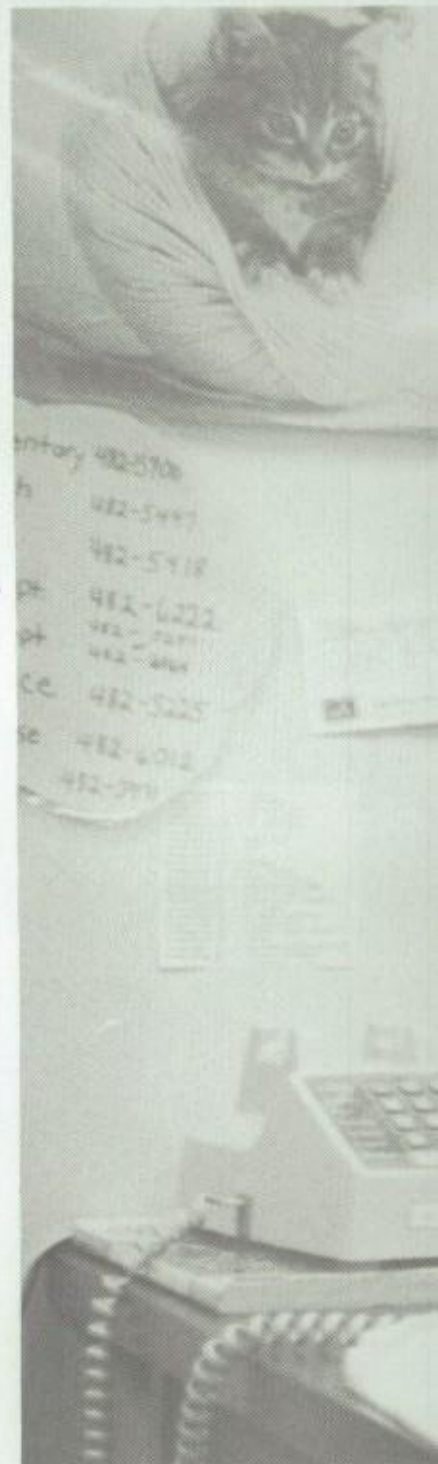
"Quotable"

"... or was it? No! It was speech I did not want."
Angela Cherry, Soph.

was speech I didn't want."
Although it sounds like

an easy way out of a class, it wasn't. These people did a lot to help out in the office and library. Librarian, Mrs. Abernathy, said, "They have to shelve books and check them in and out of the library, and they keep the library neat."

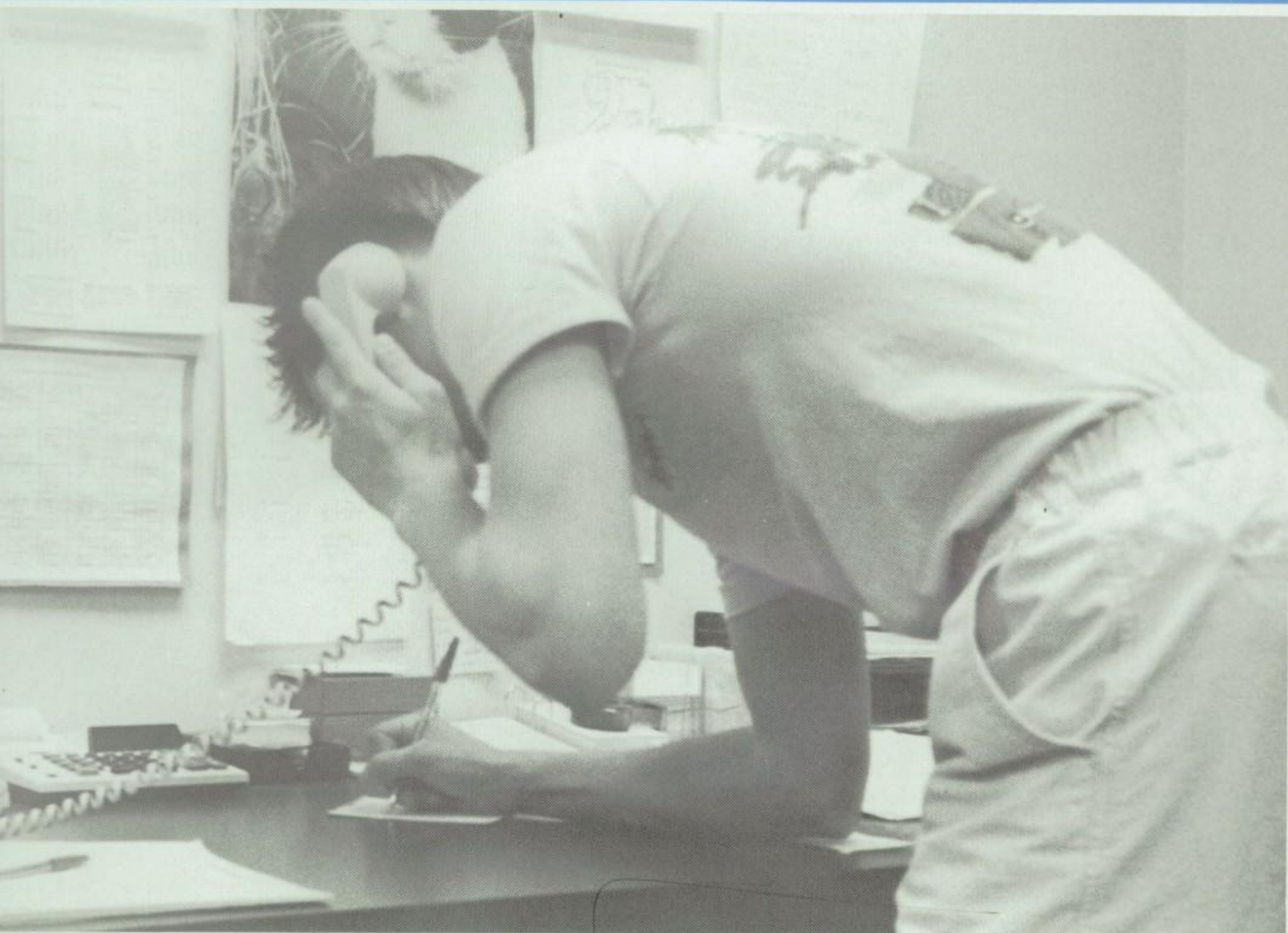
Sr. Jill Ashley, said, "I really like being an aide. Vickie makes it a lot of fun." The aides don't mind all the work. It's a chance for them to get away from regular school work for an hour, which can really help.





Getting work done? Office aide, Robin Aly, gets her homework done during her aide period.

One moment please. Sr. Brian Taylor takes a message for Vicky in the school's office.





Cabbage Patch Kids?? No! Flour babies. Mrs. Wade watches on as Becky Bannister and Brian Thur take care of their "children."

Please don't touch the glass. Eighth grader, Brad Jenkins, gets acquainted with a snake ... as a future herpetologist??



Done The Old Way



Although there are many new organizations and classes this year, two that remain traditional are the FHA and the Junior High Science Club. Many people joined FHA because there were no other classes left to take. On the other hand, there are students who take the class to prepare for their future, and because they truly enjoy the class. Sr., Robin Aly said, "I joined FHA because I really enjoy cooking and it's preparation for my future."

FHA involves many activities. The students are required to cook, take care of a "tater baby," and other various fun things. Also, there is the annual Loy Lake

"Quotable"

"We always make FHA an unforgettable time."

Shannon Forehand, Sr.

competition in the spring. Sr. Shannon Forehand said, "It's a lot of fun going to Loy Lake, and if you do well you get to go to the State Conventions. That's the fun part because we always make it an unforgettable time."

The Junior High Science Club has been around as long as sponsor, Mr. Kent Whitehead has been a

teacher. Eighth grader Jody Fletcher said, "I ran for the Science Club Vice-Presidency for the simple reason that I wanted to expand my horizons and because I like Mr. Whitehead a lot."

This club also has many interesting activities. President of the Science Club, Eric Carter, said, "We went to NASA at Houston, invested in a VCR, and created a nature center."

The Science Club and FHA have always had a lot of fun in everything they have done and the members are dedicated to their work. Both organizations have been around for a long time and will remain in progress for years to come.



Eek, a rat! Eighth graders Billy Lenoir and Bryan Jackson play with the middle school's rat collection.

Done The New Way

With all the new changes in the school last year, there were also two new organizations started in Van-Alstyne: Choir and an F.C.A. Chapter.

Choir was offered as a class, and it was also offered before school on some mornings for those who could not schedule it. Mrs. Howard directed the choir and taught the class. They gave several performances during the year. Jr. Michelle Domingos said, "Choir is a lot of fun because we get to sing up-to-date songs and we might get to go to

"Quotable"

"The Christian attitudes we have reflect on others."
Brent Williams, Fr.

U.I.L."

F.C.A. (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) wasn't held as a class, but Coach Martin conducted meetings every Thursday at lunch. The students were really excited about the F.C.A.

chapter. Fr. Patrick Williams said, "I think F.C.A. is great because when you're in school and around your friends, you don't need to forget about God." Fr., Brent Williams said, "When we fellowship around Christians, the Christian attitudes we have reflect on the other students of the school and they can see Jesus in us."

Both of these new groups show that Van Alstyne is a growing community. They also provide a wider range of activity and learning for all the students.



Do re mi or la di da . . Which ever the case, these choir students sang every morning during first period.





Volley, that ball. Sr. team "AH-MO" plays the teachers team in the first FCA volleyball tournament.



La de da . . . Mrs. Howard directs the new choir during a morning rehearsal.



Huff and puff!! Shelly Wilson and Tiffany Cook examine their page for any last errors before they send it to the printer.



Done Off Task

Off task. Unlike other classes last year, this phrase was seldom heard in annual staff. Most of the work accomplished in journalism class was done in an off-task fashion.

Although they confessed to "goofing-off" occasionally, Jr. Tiffany Cook said "O.K., maybe more than occasionally." The annual staff accomplished more than you could imagine during the year.

The annual staff works together to publish a book ev-

"Quotable"

"I feel like we're a family working together to meet deadlines."
Carey Conner, Fr.

ery year. It takes a lot of after-hours work and a lot of effort on everyone's part. Fr. Carey Conner said, "I feel like we're a family all

working together to meet deadlines."

When the pressure got too hard to handle, some would yell and get angry. But when it was all over, everyone was happy to have another annual completed. Sr. Shelly Wilson said, "I think this annual will be a great success, because we started out excited about publishing it. We have a lot of great ideas that will really make it work."





What child is this? Jana Lightfoot sorts mug shots for last year's issue of The Cub.

Made in the shade. Laura Woodroof and David Small show off their shades on the way to an annual staff workshop at TWU.



Those Who DO!

Those Who DON'T!

Success . . . a word that is synonymous with Panther sports. Whether an individual or a team sport, the score usually favors the Panthers. It may not be written in numbers, but it's always seen on the faces of **THOSE WHO DO** (athletes) and **THOSE WHO DON'T** (spectators.)

Those who do take part in athletics have much to look forward to. The idea of winning district and the realization that regional and state competition would be next inspire many to do their best.

However, those who don't take part in athletics supply the extra mile that can act as the winning touchdown or a last second shot. Cheerleaders, managers, and fans all fit this description. Their hard work off the court makes the victory that much sweeter, that much better.

It doesn't matter whether one actually puts on the uniform. What matters is the desire in oneself to know that he/she has done his/her best.





Raise your hands if your sure! The Panthers are sure of their first touchdown of the Area play-off game against the Electra Tigers. Electra beat the Panthers 31-21 to advance to Regional competition.



5'3" Rebecca Buckner tries to distract a Pottsboro player during a pre-season game against the Cardinals. The Cardinals handed the Lady Panthers a 46-49 loss.

Those Who Do

Panthers Another Successful Season

Same old story, same old Panthers. Once again the Panther team went against the odds of getting into the playoffs and in doing so surprised a lot of people.

Losing the season opener against Whitesboro 6 to 20, didn't get anyone down. Fan Holly Owen said "It is luck actually, that is exactly how we started out last year and look how far we went!" The second week of play was against Howe. The Panthers wanted revenge over Howe's 35 to 0 victory last year. Under the leadership of Soph. quarterback, Carey Pitts, the Panthers beat Howe 22 to 19. Their Homecoming game against Royse City was another success. The Panthers won 36 to 14. The next game against S&S was another easy win, 35 to 12. The Panthers then traveled to Muenster and improved

their record to 4 and 1 with a 34 to 0 victory over the Hornets.

This year Van Alstyne was moved into a new district, which had a reputation for being tough and big. But if one knows the Panther team, one knows nothing will get them down. The team was pulled closer together and they surprised a lot of fans by winning their first District game against Celina 28 to 13. That was only the beginning. The Panthers then swept through District shutting out Aubrey 40 to 21, Little Elm 47 to 13, and Anna 42 to 14. The Panthers were secured a spot in the playoffs, for the third year in a row, but the District Championship was only one game away. A win over Pilot Point would make the Panthers 12-AA Champs. Pilot Point was in a must win situation and ended up beat-

ing Van 14 to 26.

Moving into the playoffs the Panthers played Pottsboro for the Bi-District Championship. The game was played in Denison, Texas at 8:00 p.m. on November 14, 1986. The Panther team and the fans were fired up and after a head to head game, Van Alstyne won with the only touchdown of the game, 7 to 0.

Van would battle for the Area Championship in Bowie against the 1985 AA defending state champs, the Electra Tigers. The Panther team fought until the very end but ended up with a loss, 21 to 31.

The hard work and dedication paid off and once again the Panthers proved they were UNBELIEVABLE!!!

Aim set fire! Sr. Tim Renne gets down in position ready to take on the opponent, the Pottsboro Cardinals.



1986 All-District Teams

First Team Offense

Running Back Billy Wilson
Receiver Jay Cooper
Line Danny Denton
Punter Jay Cooper

First Team Defense

Line Danny Denton
Tim Renneke
Linebacker Timmy Gipson
Secondary Bo Mosby

Second Team Offense

Quarterback Carey Pitts
Running Back Timmy Gipson

Receiver Tim Renneke
Line Bradley Fla

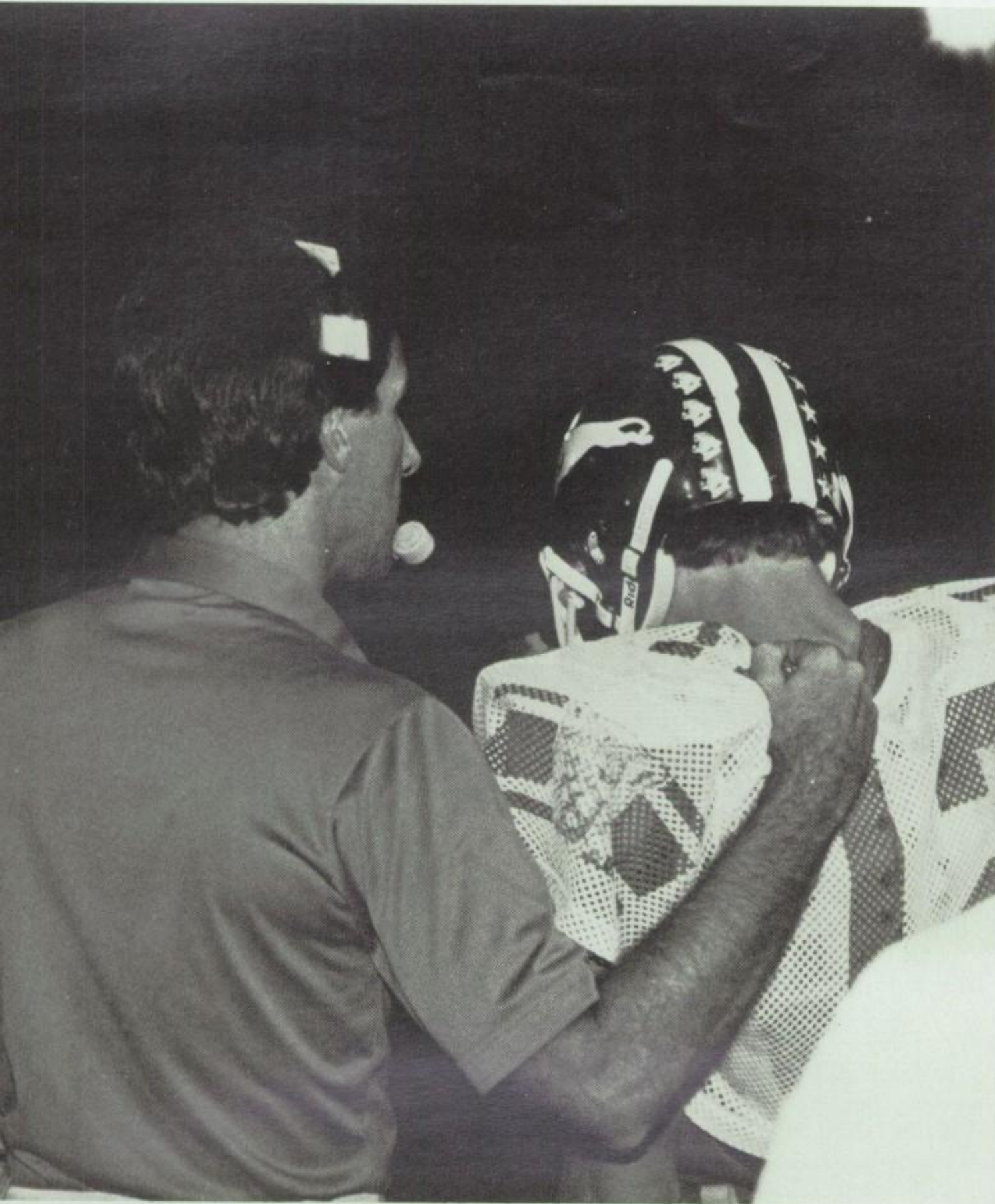
Second Team Defense

Line Daniel Cherry
Linebacker Jay Cooper
Secondary Brian Taylor
Kicker Brian Taylor

What a break! Sr. Darrin Stewart stays on the sidelines due to an injury which kept him out for the entire football season.



Varsity Football • Back Row: D. Bengtson, S. Thornhill, C. Weatherley, Stephens, S. Beaty, B. Morgan, P. Williams, B. Reece, J. Hix, N. Bodecker, Williams, C. Pitts, R. Halliburton, C. Corbray, R. McCabe, M. Harris, T. Renneke, Vensel, B. Taylor, D. Cherry, R. Cayce, J. Kirley, B. Wilson, B. Mosby, D. Denton, Bengtson, J. Cooper, R. Wilson.



And the plan is . . . the Panthers in huddle intently listened to what the next play would be.



What was that? Sr. Timmy Gipson #25, looks back to the sidelines as he gets some last minute instructions for the Bi-District play-off game.

Way to go! Head Coach Marc McDaniel gives Soph. quarterback Carey Pitts some praise and advice before he goes back on the field to lead the Panthers.

Those Who Don't



Mrs. Lisa McDaniel

Being a coaches wife isn't the best job in the world, but it's definitely the "most exciting", said Mrs. Lisa McDaniel. Mrs. McDaniel is the wife of head coach Marc McDaniel. She is a big fan of the team and attends all the games to support her husband and the Panthers.

It has its ups and downs of course, Mrs. McDaniel said "Win or lose we stay up and Marc talks about the game until late into the night." Other than the lack of sleep Mrs. McDaniel enjoys football. She is definitely as proud of the Panthers as any fan could be.

Varsity Football	
Whitesboro	20- 6
Howe	19-22
Royse City	14-36
S & S	12-35
Muenster	6-34
Celina	13-28
Aubrey	21-40
Little Elm	13-47
Anna	14-42
Pilot Point	26-14
Pottsboro	0- 7
Electra	31-21

Moving Up With The Panthers

Seventh grader Toby Malone said, "This season was very enjoyable. We had a lot of great games and I feel that everybody gave one hundred percent. Football is a great sport. This was a very exciting season."

The Seventh grade Panthers finished with a successful 4-3-2 year. The Panthers started the season tying Howe 0-0. In the second week of play, the Panthers went away with a big victory over Royse City 20-12. However, the Panthers winning streak ended with a 6-14 loss to S&S. The Panthers did come back and they won two games straight. The first against Melissa, 14-8; the second dumping Celina, 14-6. Now 1 and 0 in District play, the Panthers were shut out by Aubrey 0-38. A second loss followed; Little Elm beat the Panthers 8-14. The Panthers did finish the season on a good note. They defeated Howe 8-0 and tied Pilot Point 14 all.

Under the leadership of Coach Glenn Hayes, the eighth grade Panthers also had a good season. They finished with a 5-2-1 record. Coach Hayes said, "Our goal was to improve every practice, every game. We found some players at new positions that will help on the high school level next year."

During their first week of play, the Panthers beat Howe 14-8. The following week brought a victory over Royse City 14-8, before taking a week off due to a cancellation. The Panthers beat Muenster 12-8, and tied Celina 8-8. The next two weeks held losses for the Panthers to Aubrey 6-30, and to Little Elm 6-12. However, the Panthers closed the season with a 16-6 victory over Anna, and a 20-0 shut out over Pilot Point. Judging from the performances of these two teams, Panther fans have a lot to look forward to as these young Panthers grow up.



Those Who Don't



7th Grade Football



Howe	0- 0
Royse City	12-20
S & S	14- 6
Melissa	8-14
Celina	6-14
Aubrey	38- 0
Little Elm	14- 8
Howe	0- 8
Pilot Point	14-14



8th Grade Football



Howe	8-14
Royse City	8-14
Muenster	8-12
Celina	8- 8
Aubrey	30- 6
Little Elm	12- 6
Anna	6-16
Pilot Point	0-20

7th Grade Football: Back row: Coach Boyd, S. Trail, S. Crosson, B. Reece, S. Cocoson, E. Hicks, T. Malone, M. Gentry, J. Ritchie, Coach Hayes, J. Nix, D. Malone, G. Sanders, R.J. Howard, S. Kee, M. Williams, S. Howard, J. Jay, B. Miller, C. Marr, D. Flatt, D. Doty, K. Gann, R. Hessell, J. Partin, B. Wilson.



8th Grade Football: Back row: Coach Boyd, J. Daniels, N. Vensel, C. Troxtell, B. Alterman, T. Helland, C. Brown, B. Jackson, B. Carter, J. Fletcher, Coach Hayes, J. Daniels, E. Carter, B. Nevil, F. Chandler, T. Shearer, J. Malone, J. Holley, C. Carl, K. Hix, B. Jenkins, J. Johnston, K. Null, M. Key, R. Hampton, M. Doty, A. Spillers, S. Treadwayl, G. Gibb.



Along with the players, coaches, and fans, there are some individuals who are equally involved in football. These people however, do not get to wear the pads or get out on the field and play. 8th grade football manager Geoffrey Gibb said, "Being a manager of the football team, assisting them in any way taking victories along with defeats made being a manager more thrilling.

Of course being manager of a football team can have its advantages and disadvantages Gibbs said, "I didn't have to arrive at school early, but not suiting up was a disappointment to me."

Patiently awaiting — Eighth graders Jody Fletcher, Tommy Shearer, and Chris Carl wait as the seventh grade finishes up their game so they can play.

Patience

Keep On Trying And You'll Succeed

Improvement. That is about the only word you can use to describe the Panther basketball team. Over the last few years their seasons have been somewhat unsuccessful. Yet this year the Panthers gave the fans something to really cheer about. Fan Martha Campbell, said, "I have been to all the games to support the boys even when they were losing. But I have to admit it is a lot more fun when they are winning."

Starting out with a 7 and 7 season, the Pan-

thers went into District with some tough competitors. Sr. Justin Buckner said, "We're worried about Anna Celina, and Pilot Point. They are all good teams. We'll have to work hard."

The Panthers got to work and ended up with a play-off game for District runner-up. Pilot Point secured first place, but Van had to battle Celina for second place. Celina and Van Alstyne both suffered a loss to each other. Therefore

the outcome was up in the air. Unfortunately for the Panthers, the Bobcats won by only four points. Sr. Jay Cooper said, "It was really disappointing I mean, we've worked so hard and come such a long way this year. But we all know we did our best."

Although the Panthers didn't make it to bi-district, they accomplished a lot. The hard work and determination showed, and obviously paid off.

All District Basketball

Newcomer of the Year
Carey Pitts

1st Team All District
Jay Cooper
Craig Page

Honorable Mention
Jerry Coleman
Justin Buckner

Coach of the Year
Jerry Page

Craig Page was also named to the Sherman Democrat Super Team 1987.

Sophomore Carey Pitts turns and gets in position to hopefully rebound the basketball as the Panthers defeat Aubrey 70 to 45.





Those Who Don't

Varsity Basketball

Leonard	60	78
S&S	75	66
Anna	60	46
Little Elm	33	63
Pottsboro	70	78
Whitewright	77	66
Celina	69	83
Howe	38	44
Gunter	99	65
Celina	55	62
Royse City	69	57
Frisco	72	60
Tom Bean	53	52
Whitewright	67	69
Celina	76	65
Aubrey	48	70
Little Elm	39	67
Anna	79	67
Pilot Point	55	51
Celina	44	56
Aubrey	60	62
Little Elm	36	58
Anna	58	61
Pilot Point	58	56
Celina	62	56
Season Record	13	25
District Record	6	4

Talk about faithful fans — well Danny Buckner is probably the best. Both of his children, Rebecca and Justin have played Basketball all four of their years in high school. Danny Buckner said, "I haven't missed a game ever. I love sports, especially watching the kids."

Not only does Mr. Buckner support basketball, but he supports his kids too. Justin Buckner said, "He always gives tips and tries to help tell me what to do better. I appreciate the help a lot."

Coming to the games and supporting the team helps the Panthers do better and we really thank all those fans that make Van Sports what it is today.



Varsity Basketball: D. McBee, C. Page, C. Pitts, J. Coleman, J. Cooper, J. Buckner, D. Campbell

Will he make it? Jr. Jerry Coleman, Sr. Jay Cooper, and Soph. Carey Pitts stand around waiting for the ball to go in the net.

All-District Basketball 1987

MVP Rebecca Buckner

First Team All-District
Rebecca Buckner

Second Team All-District
Jennifer Likely

Honorable Mention
Karin Brown
Jill Ashley

*Rebecca Buckner was
also Named to the Sher-
man Democrat Super
Team 1987.

Out of my way! Junior Pam Pittman gets ready to rebound after a shot made by Rebecca Buckner.



Those Who Do

Success No Matter What The Price

For the last several years basketball has been very successful and exciting for Van Alstyne. Beginning with the 1983-84 season the Lady Panthers have made it to the Area play-offs, following with the regional finals the next two years. Sr. Rebecca Buckner said, "To hold up our reputation we'll have to work hard. We are starting all over with an inexperienced team."

The inexperience showed during the first few games. After losing three starting seniors the Lady Panthers have had

somewhat of a slow season. Although it's been rough, the Panthers, having a 13-15 season, managed to finish with a 7-3 district record. They also earned a chance at the district title if they could defeat Pilot Point in a district play-off game. Jr. Jennifer Likely said, "After starting out slow and inexperienced we have come a long way. We have a bunch of girls wanting to win and we are going to win!"

The Lady Panthers worked very hard, but a fourth consecutive district title wasn't in the

cards. Pilot Point advanced as the number one team from District 12AA, with a 53-48 victory over Van Alstyne.

Moving on to the Bi-District Championship the Lady Panthers played the Tom Bean Tom Cats. The girls played hard but ended up with their last loss of the season 62-54. Coach Beverly Robinson said, "I was happy with the girls. We got a late start, but they put out a bunch of effort. I'm really proud of them."





Those Who Don't



Varsity Girls Basketball



Howe	60	53
Leonard	65	43
S&S	57	53
Pottsboro	49	46
Gunter	48	51
Tom Bean	63	59
Whitewright	54	45
Celina	53	44
Aubrey	33	51
Little Elm	24	29
Anna	42	51
Pilot Point	57	46
Celina	36	45
Aubrey	29	40
Little Elm	44	53
Anna	27	24
Pilot Point	48	51
Pilot Point	53	48
Tom Bean	62	54
District Record	7	3
Season Record	13	15



Varisty girls: Back Row: R. Buckner, T. McCabe, M. Ashley, P. Pittman, C. Huffhines, S. Graf, J. Ashley, K. Brown, J. Likely, Mgr. D. Coyle.

Rebound that basketball!
Rebecca Buckner jumps to recover the ball as teammates Jill Ashley and Karin Brown look on.

Those Who Do

Winners

J.V. Takes A Lickin' And Keeps On Tickin'

The Junior Varsity girl's and boy's seasons differed slightly. The boys received first place trophies for both the Gunter and District Tournaments, and had a 6-6 record. The girls, however, didn't turn out as expected. Both teams worked hard but the girls just couldn't pull a winning season. Soph. April McCollum said, "We

didn't win many games but we still had a lot of fun. I think our team improved over all through the year." Each time the two teams lost it was only by a few points. Fresh. Jennifer Coleman said, "Even though we didn't have the best year, I improved a great deal individually."

Many players had the opportunity to be with

the Varsity, and they found it to be different than Junior High. Fresh. Jeannee Coyle said, "In basketball this year it was a lot harder. I got the chance to practice with Varsity and sit with them a few times."

Both teams improved considerably and will no doubt come back with a winning team next year.



Watch the ball! Fresh. Jennifer Coleman is very anxious about getting the ball in bounds when teammate Soph. April McCullum is heavily guarded by the opponent.



J.V. Boys
Basketball



District Record
6-6



J.V. Girls
Basketball

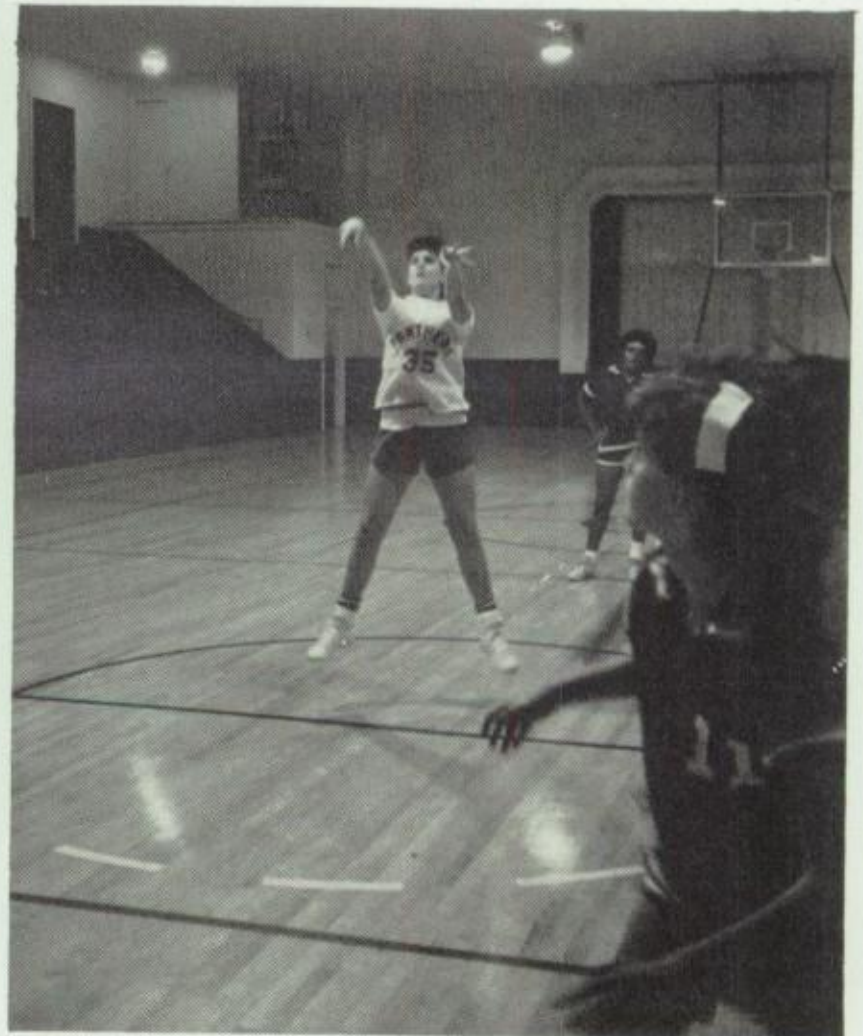


District Record
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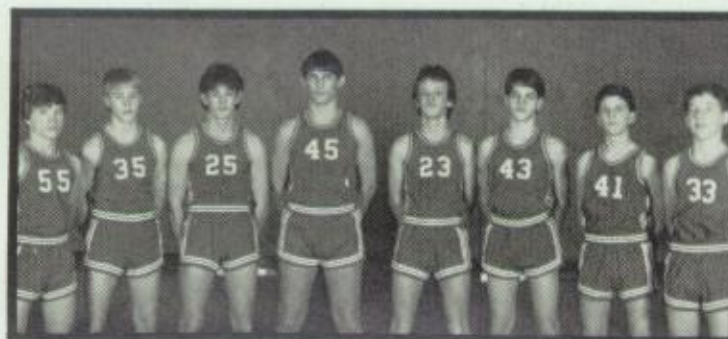


Make it stop! This seems to be the overall statement coming from J.V. girls, Soph. April McCollum, Fresh. Christy Huffhines, and Fresh. Jeanne Coyle.

Leapin lizards! No it's only Fresh. Jennifer Coleman as she shoots a free shot during a game against the Howe J.V. girls.



Those Who Don't



J.V. Girls: Top row: S. Payne, A. McCollum, J. Coyle, J. Bengtson, C. Connors, C. Huffhines, J. Coleman, R. Wolfe, S. Exley, T. Bodecker, R. Ross, I. McCanlies, R. Murphy.

J.V. Boys: Back row: M. Jackson, C. Weatherley, R. McCabe, J. Gardner, T. Of-fill, P. Williams, D. Bengtson, B. Williams.

Coach Jim Martin, J.V. girls basketball coach feels the girls did a great job. Coach Martin said, "I love coaching and these girls worked hard and kept on going even after all the losses. I'm proud of them."

The girls felt the same way about Coach Martin. Fresh. Christy Huffhines said, "He is a real sweetheart."

Preparation Middle Schoolers Have High Goals for High School

For this year's seventh grade boys basketball team, it was a new experience. For many of the members on the team it was a learning experience. Seventh grader Toby Malone said, "This has been a fun year in basketball. We had a lot of exciting and thrilling moments. We had a season record of six and eight, but next year we hope to improve."

For most all of the players, it was the first time to play and work together as a team. Seventh grader Steven Howard said, "We learned a lot about the game, as well as having fun. Playing Coach Carden really taught us a lot about everything. This has been a season I'll never forget."

The eighth grade boys, also playing under Coach Carden, had a good year. It was their

last year of middle school basketball. Eighth grader Jim Holley said, "This year we learned a lot that will prepare us for next year and the years to follow. If our progress proceeds at such a heavy pace, by the time we reach our varsity years I think we will have a powerful team."

For this year's seventh grade girls basketball team, it was a new experience for both the players and the coach. It was the first time for virtually all the girls to play basketball together on a team. It was also the first time for Coach Robison to see the girls play. Asked about the season, Coach Robison said, "I thought the season was great for both the seventh and eighth grade teams! We lost a lot of games, but we still had fun and learned a lot about the game."

Although it was a new experience for both players and coach, everyone had

fun. Seventh grader Holly Briggs said, "This year's basketball season was an educational experience. Coach Robison is a great coach. She has worked us hard and made us learn what we had to learn. I believe this season was a year to learn, and next year will be a season to win."

For the eighth grade girls, it being their last season before moving on to high school athletics was a fun, enjoyable season. The girls came together like a team. Eighth grader Shari Wilson said, "I thought the season was pretty good. It seemed to me that we really learned a lot this year. We did do better because we know a little more about what we were doing. I think it was an educational experience, and it was also fun."

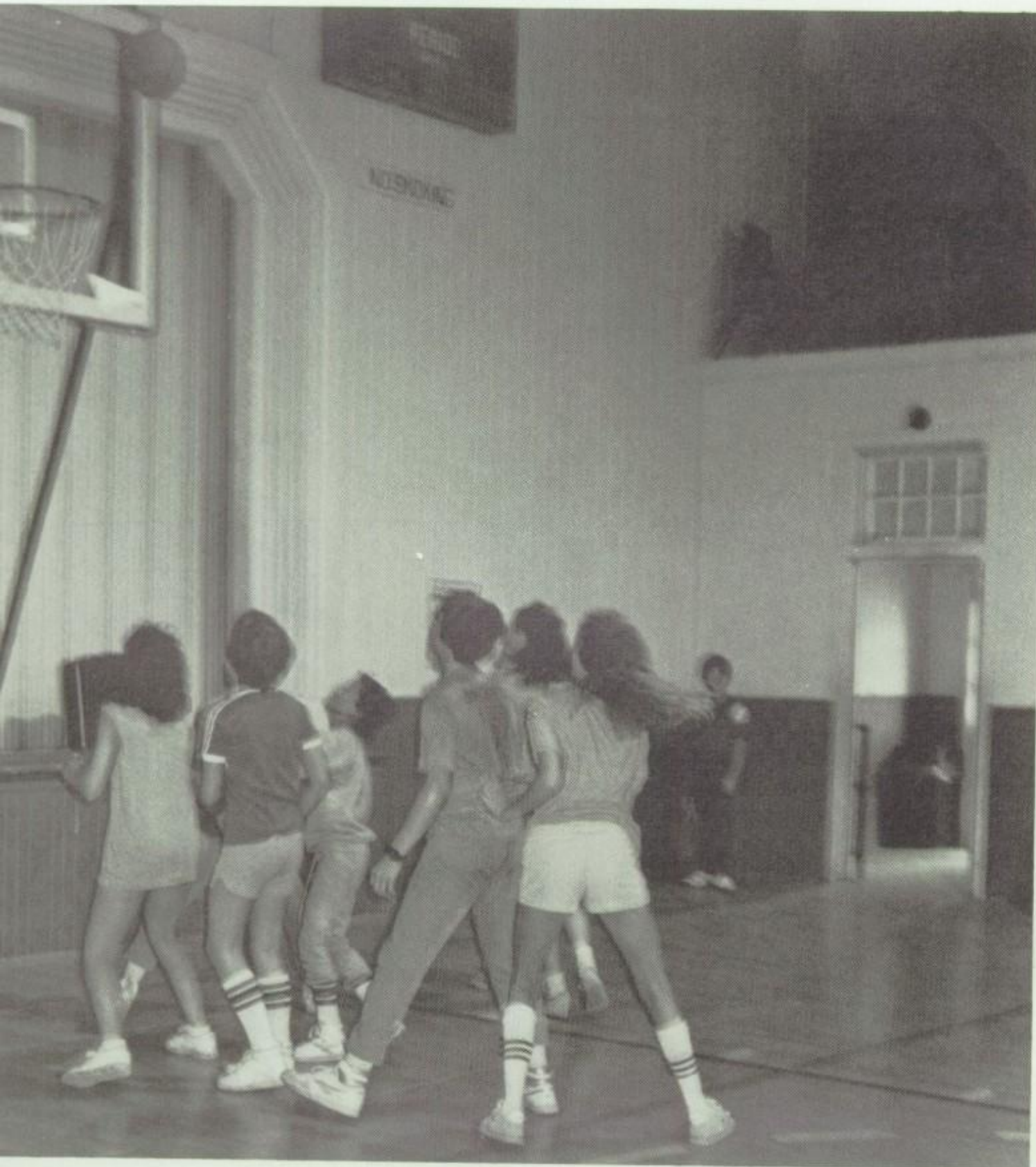
Pass or fail? That is the question at hand for several seventh and eighth graders. Miss Collins checks her grades to see if they will be able to participate in the following six-weeks games.



Seventh Grade: Back row: S. Kee, S. Crosson, M. Gentry, J. Ritchie, T. Malone, J. Gay, G. Sanders, J. Partin, D. Doty, D. Malone, D. Hessel, C. Arthur, B. Miller.



Eighth Grade: Back row: J. Fletcher, M. Smith, T. Holland, B. Jackson, B. Jenkins, D. Wads, J. Daniels, C. Troxtell, G. Gibb, K. Hix, Spencer, E. Sanderson, Daniels, E. Carter, J. Holle, J. Malone, R. Hampton.



High in the sky! Several seventh and eighth graders watch to see whether or not the basketball will count during a workout.

Those Who Don't



Seventh Grade: Back row: J. Cate, B. Cate, M. Morrison, S. Cain, N. Mertz, S. Self, J. Presley, S. Netherlain, T. Lamson, L. Reynolds, L. Lay, H. Briggs, T. Taylor, M. Murphy, L. Alexander, Bass, J. Ross.



Eighth Grade: Back row: J. Renne, M. Wurcher, S. Wilson, B. Gaskill, R. Reynolds, K. Cunningham, R. Anderson, C. Jones, C. Adams, C. Barnes, A. Windham, B. Sullivan, K. Harris.

This year's basketball manager, Jenny Renne, has held this position for two consecutive years in a row. Eighth grader Jenny Renne, said, "I never have been very athletic. I enjoy watching and participating. This is the perfect job for me!"

The members of the team appreciate her help. Eighth Grader Bridgette Gaskill said, "Jenny is always there with water and towels she also gives us support."

Jump for joy! Track coach, David Boyd, finds great joy in Sr. Billy Wilson's victory in the 100 meter dash. Wilson went on to compete at the State Meet in Austin on May 16.

Down to earth? No, not quite. Sr. Brian Taylor can't seem to keep his feet on the ground during a recent track meet.



Those Who
Do

Repetition: the key to success

For the past several years Van Alstyne has had a strong boys track program. Coach David Boyd said, "Every year I just start early and work the boys hard. Usually they improve a lot and succeed in making it to regionals."

This year both relays have surprised a lot of people. The 400-meter relay and the 1600-meter relay won at district and gained state rankings.

Sr. Mike Harris said, "Our whole relay team is made up of Seniors. We want to win VERY BADLY! A trip to Austin would make this year complete."

The trip to Stephenville, where the regional track meet was held, brought a lot of excited fans to watch. The preliminaries began at 7:00 p.m.; the sprint relay was the first race on the schedule. The

team finished, winning their heat with the best time, but two bad handoffs lead to the disqualification of the state bound relay. Other than the 400-meter relay loss the other qualifiers all made it to the finals which took place the next day. Sr. Hunter Floyd said, "That was one of the most nervous nights I've ever had. The thought of knowing you have a shot

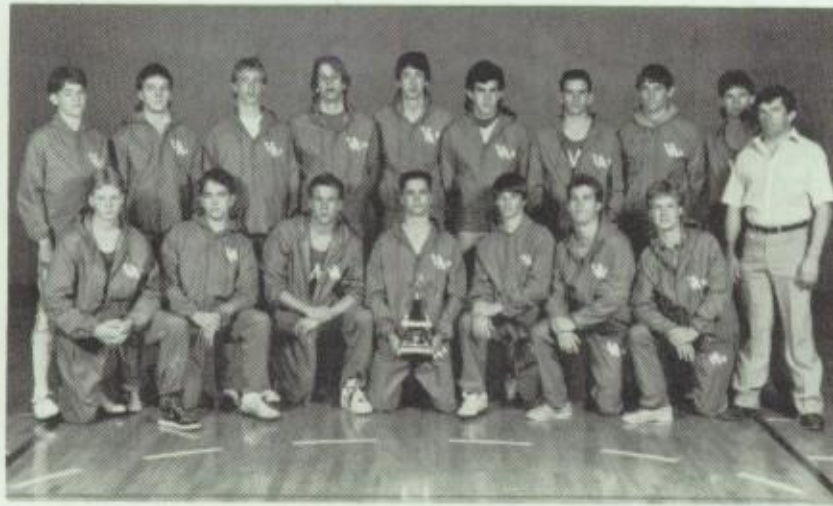
at state tends to keep up all night."

During the finals, mile relay team started great, but another hand-off resulted in qualification. Fan, W. Kenneth said, "From stands his back foot still in bounds, I feel the flag was uncalled for."

Later that day Billy Wilson finished second in 200-meter dash, qualify-



Those Who Don't



Varsity Track-back row: P. Williams, C. Stephens, T. Renneker, B Trapp, J. Coleman, F. Richie, B. Mosby, J. Gardner, B. Wilson, H. Floyd, B. Morgan, R. Sims, B. Taylor, R. Cayce, M. Harris, B. Lemmons, and Coach D. Boyd.

Caviar and Champagne may not have been a common delicacy found at track meets but needed refreshments, such as cokes, nachos, and candy are always available because of the hard work of

community members. At the local track meet, Jim and Marsha Morgan took charge of the concession stand, working all day to provide refreshments to team members and spectators alike.

Hold that pose. Sr. Mike Harris reaches great heights during the District track meet.

state. Sr. Billy Wilson said, "The time I ran at regionals was somewhat disappointing, I hope to run my best time, 21.9 sec., again at state." Although only one made it to state, each member gave it their all. In the eyes of the fans the fact that they possessed the determination to reach high goals was more than good enough.



Those Who
Do

Agony of de-'feet'

Does all that practice and running to nowhere pay off? To some extent maybe, but when it comes down to the feet, there are two exceptions. Fr. Jennifer Coleman said, "After the seventh lap of the two mile on the neverending track, I can't feel my feet."

After crossing the finish line, there seems to be nothing there to hold you up. Try as you might, you have to sit down. Jr. Pam Pittman said, "After I finish running, my feet always

feel like green jello!" When the day is done and the track meet is over, you may have a feeling of pride and accomplishment; but there is no feeling in your feet.

What do you do to halt this throbbing in your appendages and phanlanges? Soph. Tracy Shearer said, "I usually soak them."

If the pain happens regularly, you might have a solution down to a science after every session with the track. No matter, the Varsity girls kept right on running.



One more mile. Jr. Cathy O'Cain does her best to raise the Lady Panther's team total at the District track meet.



Those Who Don't



Girls Varsity Track: Top: S. Payne, A. McCollum, K. O'Cain, R. Murphy, J. Likely, T. Bodecker, J. Coyle, T. Shearer, J. Coleman, R. Aly, D. Dingman, R. Ross, and P. Pittman.

Those who usually don't did. Many members of the girl's varsity track team experienced new feelings (and pain) this season as they became members of the track team for the first time. Coach Jimmy Martin persuaded some team members to run so as to add to the size of the team. Although first time members were pleased with their decision to run track, they had to put in many hours of hard work and practice to get into shape. These girls were willing to get out there and give it all they had, even with all that extra wear on their feet.



Leading the pack. Fr. Robin Ross strives to keep ahead of the field during a home track meet.

It's leisure time. Fr. Rhonda Murphy, Jr. Shanna Payne, and Soph. April McCollum take a break out from underneath the baking sun.

Those Who Do

'Paws' make final impression

The Seventh grade boys track team had a number of participants that worked hard, but lacked in speed. They worked out each day, improving on their running and field techniques. Coach Marc McDaniel said, "This was a very good group of boys who lacked in speed and experience, but kept up their spirit and determination to do better each track meet."

The boys stuck together throughout the season giving each other encouragement to be winners. Seventh grader Justin Partin said, "Coach Boyd and Coach McDaniel prepared us mentally and physically for the season. We learned good techniques and form, and how to give until it hurt."

The Eighth grade boys had a winning season. They had been together as a team for two years, and were determined to make a good final impression. Eighth grader Jody Fletcher said, "This years track season went very well."

Everyone worked well with each other and strived to improve as a team. Eighth grader Bryan Jackson said, "We learned a lot about running techniques and worked hard to improve our running times at each track meet."

The boys did improve a great deal from last year and proved that winning is a gratifying experience. Eighth grader Cory Troxtell said, "This year's track season was really fun. Track was great!"

You missed it! One of Van Alstyne's track fans missed a terrific race due to his preoccupation with the camera.



Up and over! Eighth grader Jimmy Holley shows perfect form as he warms up for the hurdle division.



One step ahead. Seventh grader Sean Crosson seems to be winning the hurdle by no more than one step.

Those Who Don't



Seventh Grade Track: Back row: G. Sanders, S. Howard, T. Malone, M. Gentry, B. Reece, D. Malone, S. Kee, B. Wilson, D. Flatt, C. Marr, and J. Partin.



Eighth Grade Track: Back row: B. Jenkins, M. Olson, T. Helland, B. Jackson, J. Fletcher, M. Smith, D. Wade, G. Gibb, N. Vensel, J. Malone, C. Troxtell, J. Daniels, E. Carter, J. Holley, K. Hix, J. Daniels, and J. Johnston.

Some junior high boys did not run track, but track team members did run. They ran and ran and ran, working out every day under the direction of Coach David Boyd. Coach Boyd taught the boys how to improve their individual skills and ability. However, he did not run along with the boys. He used their practice time to watch his students. As a coach, he decided who was to run each race and participate in each field event. Both the Seventh and Eighth grade track teams did a very good job at representing Van Alstyne at every track meet.

Steps in the right direction

For the Seventh grade girls track team it was a new beginning. It was their first year of athletics in middle school, and they worked hard for their success. Coach Robison said, "We had a lot of girls come out and work hard. It was good to see it pay off with a successful season." Through the wind, rain, and the heat the girls worked hard and stuck together. Seventh grader Jena Presley said, "I thought we had a pretty good team for our first year in track. Coach worked us hard and improved our skills."

Last years Seventh graders established themselves as achievers. Seventh grader Terri Lamson said, "Track strengthened us in many ways. Not only physically but mentally. It brought us all together as a team and made us want to do our best at representing our school. Track was a

lot of hard work, but it was worth it."

The Eighth grade girls track team competed on mostly spirit and determination. The team itself consisted of only eight members but this did not hinder the girls determination to win. Coach Beverly Robinson said, "The girls who participated did an excellent job. These girls were special and learned a lot about themselves."

Throughout the whole season the girls worked hard together and became better and closer. Eighth grader Barbie Sullivan said, "With the help of Coach Robison, we had a pretty acceptable season. The fact that there were eight members on the team brought us all closer." This demonstration of pride and determination exemplifies the type of athletes that they will grow to be during their high school years.

What a landing. Seventh grader Bonnie Cate shows her jumping ability during a trial run at the long jump pit.

Time to rest. Seventh graders Bonnie Cate, Mickey Morrison, Lisa Alexander, and Jena

Presley take a break to ponder the thought that all their efforts are taking them nowhere.



Those Who Don't



Seventh Grade Track: Back row: B. Cate, J. Kisler, S. O'Cain, M. Morrison, C. Neighbors, D. Holland, L. Alexander, S. Self, H. Briggs, J. Presley, S. Netherlain, T. Taylor, M. Murphy, L. Reynolds, T. Lamson.



Eighth Grade Track: B. Sullivan, A. Evers, D. Adams, S. Wilson, B. Gaskill, K. Cunningham, M. Wurscher.

Even those who do — don't sometimes. When inclement weather struck, the junior high girls track team could not practice on the track. Team members were forced inside the gymnasium where they ran and practiced hand-offs as much as possible. Eighth grader Barbie Sullivan said, "The fact that there were eight members on the team brought us all closer." Barbie hit the nail on the head. When bad weather came, team members were closer than expected . . . in the gymnasium.



Blocking them out. Eighth grader Michelle Wurscher blocks her opponents out mentally and physically as she does her best to win the hurdles.

Walk on the wild side

As a wise man once said, "Golf is a nice walk spoiled by a little ball." Maybe it is and maybe it isn't, but to those that play, as Soph. James Tepera said, "Golf is a real challenge."

A book entitled *101 Ways to Hit a Golf Ball* is not quite all there is to learning the game. There must be patience and a great deal of practice along with the basic knowledge of the game. Jr. Jana Lightfoot said, "I'm glad I got first at District and went to regionals. I hope to lower my score and do even better

next year."

The team displayed an excellent season once again. Jana Lightfoot placed first in the District game at the Hurricane Creek Country Club where James Tepera finished in third place. Sr. Shelly Wilson said, "I learned to play golf about three years ago from Don Bonner. It took those three years to finally get the ball where I want it."

The walk is over and the game is done. It wasn't a bad walk after all, to some it was one to remember.



Left or right? Jr. Tommy Offill has a hard time determining whether to putt a little to the left or a little to the right.





Those Who Don't



Varsity Golf: Back row: J. Tepera, T. Offill, R. Philbrick, R. Ritchie, P. Williams, D. Bengtson, C. Weatherly, C. Page, J. Lightfoot, S. Wilson.



Girl's Individual Competition

Jana Lightfoot-first

Varsity Golf District



Boy's Individual Competition

James Tepera-third

On solid ground. Sr. Shelly Wilson does her best to push her tee in the ground. Yes, it is harder than it looks.

Here I go! Jr. Jana Lightfoot tees off in the rough at the local country club. Jana's talents took her all the way to the Regional Tournament.

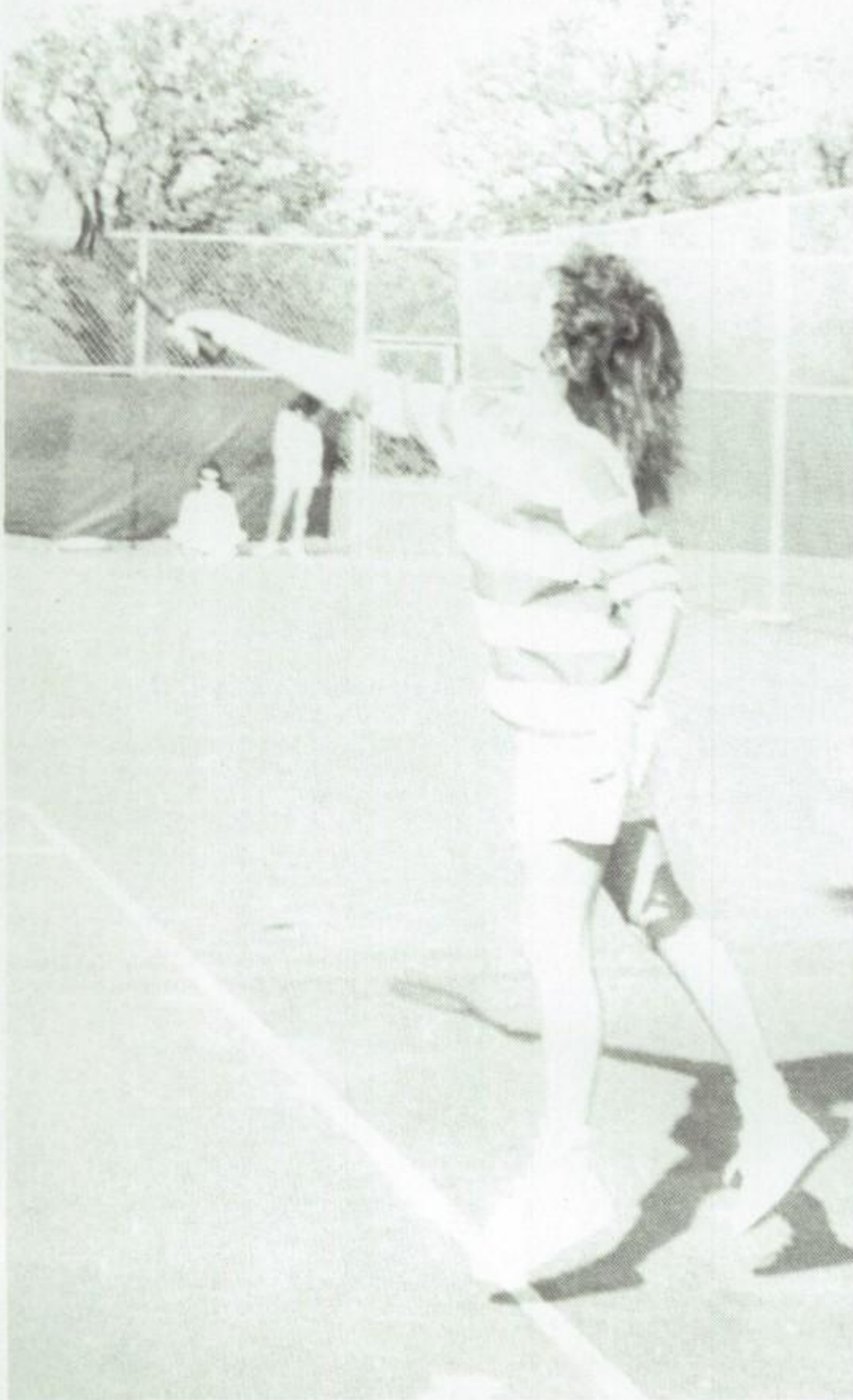
Varsity claims boy's district crown

Closer to the end of the year, when football and basketball are over, the tennis team was out on the courts practicing. Sr. Rebecca Buckner said, "I felt I had to work hard in order to make it to Regionals." Evidently, the hard work paid off. She proceeded into District where she won the singles division. At the Regional Tournament, Buckner was seeded second but received a disappointing third place.

In the boy's division, Van Alstyne won its first District Championship.

Led by seniors Just Buckner, Brandt Wright, Mike Smith, and Fr. Chris Weatherly, Van took first and second in the singles division and second in doubles. Sr. Brandt Wright said, "I thought we had a really good season. Everyone was willing to work hard and do what was needed to win District."

In other action, the girl's doubles team of Robin Reynolds and Stacy Conner placed third at District, while Michele Williams placed fourth in girl's singles.



Serve and volley. Fr. Carey Conner attempts to ace her opponent with her shadow following right behind her.

On the attack. Soph. Robin Reynolds returns a forehand across the net as her doubles partner, Jr. Stacy Conner, looks on. Reynolds and Conner placed third at the District Meet.





Bend your knees! Sr. Brandt Wright demonstrates good height on his toss, but once again, he fails to bend his knees.

Down the line. Sr. Justin Buckner returns a left-handed forehand which could prove deadly to any right-handed opponent.



Those Who Don't



Varsity Tennis: Back row: B. Wright, R. Buckner, J. Buckner, M. Allen, M. Williams, M. Smith, C. Conner, R. Reynolds, A. Cherry, S. Conner, F. Laurant, C. Weatherly.



Varsity Tennis - District
Boys Singles

Justin Buckner-first
Brandt Wright-second

Girls Singles

Rebecca Buckner-first

Boys Doubles

Chris Weatherley, Mike Smith-Second



Those Who
Do

Baseball

Big Hit
In Van

Since Coach Tom Carden came to Van Alstyne a few years ago a lot of improvements in the baseball team have been made. For instance, last years team had a 22-1 record with their only loss to Gunter.

This the fourth season that the team has advanced to playoffs with high goals, and a lot of the success is due to Coach Carden. He won't take credit for it but he says, "We just try and play the game as fundamentally as possible and exciting as we can." Coach Glen Hayes, assistant baseball coach, says of Carden, "He's very knowledgable and has a lot of patience with the kids, but he gets out of

them what it takes to win."

The team worked hard on defense and incorporated it into batting practice and hitting drills. Snook Bengtson said "Through the year Coach Carden has built a very solid program. All the players like and respect him and that's important." Carden also wants the game to be fun. He not only wants the team to play, he also wants them to enjoy it.

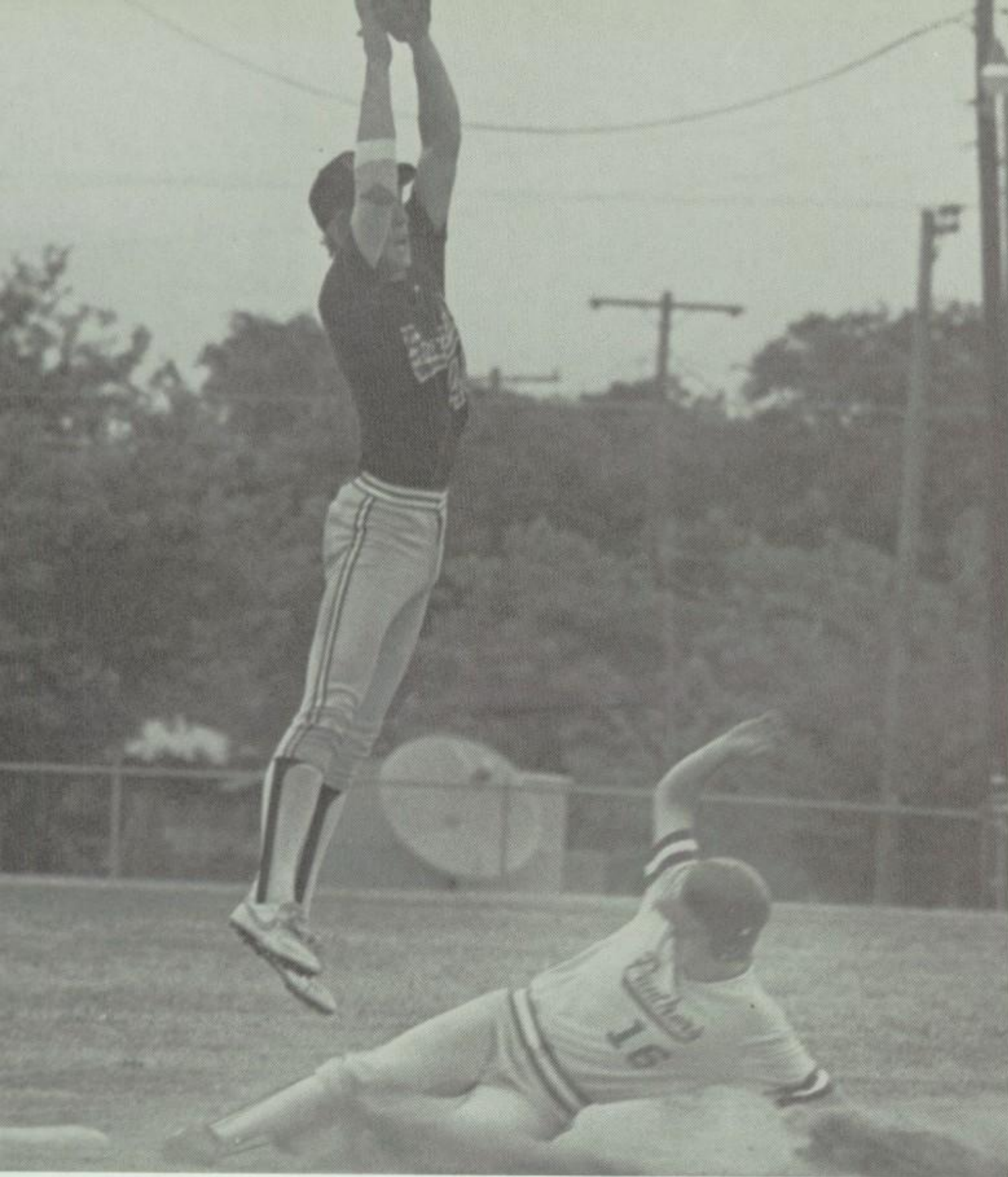
Other teams now want to play Van Alstyne because of their continuous record of being a playoff contender. In just a few years the team has put together the ingredients of a winning team.



Right at home! Several of the underclassmen are found sitting on the bench hoping to learn from the older, more experienced players.

Strike three! You're out! One panther finds he has waited a bit too late to hit the ball.





Slide, Craig, slide! Sr. Craig Page does his best to make it to second base during a District game against Pilot Point.

Those Who Don't



Varsity Baseball: Back row: G. Hayes, C. Page, F. Ritchie, J. McTee, B. Mosby, C. Pitts, T. Carden, J. Trammel, D. McBee, J. Cooper, B. Wilson, D. Bengtson, D. Stewart, M. Jackson, M. Tepera, J. Tepera, D. Campbell.



J.V. Baseball: Back row: S. Beaty, J. Kirley, J. Coleman, P. Williams, T. Carman, P. Williams, T. Carden, G. Hayes, R. Halliburton, R. Williams, N. Bodecker, T. Lawrence.

Varsity Baseball	
Leonard	3-11
Howe	2- 3
Prosper	5- 8
Savoy	5-15
*Krum	5-12
Gunter	7- 6
*Celina	1-11
Wolfe City	9-12
*Callisburg	1-12
Cooper	1- 4
Pottsboro	5-10
*Aubrey	0- 4
*Anna	2-15
*Pilot Point	3- 4
*Little Elm	0-10
*Krum	1-13
*Celina	10-11
*Callisburg	1-10
*Aubrey	0-13
*Anna	2-12
*Pilot Point	4-14
*Little Elm	1-11
*Nocona	5-11
*BiDistrict	
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Those Who Do

Fans Through Rain, Snow, Sleet Or Hail

Through rain, snow, sleet, or hail fans attend sports of every kind. Whether they have to drive in the heaviest downpour or through the deepest snow, they are not easily discouraged. Sr. Brandt Wright said, "I remember one game that was extremely cold, but the stands were full anyway."

If it was raining during a football game, you didn't see fans running to their cars. Instead, you saw them reaching for an umbrella or plastic bag. Later you might see them

slipping, sliding through the mud on their way to a victory party of some kind on the field. These people were more than just a bunch of bored people with nothing better to do. They were dedicated fans who often sacrificed other plans to attend a Tuesday night basketball game or a Friday night football game. Jr. Tiffany Cook said, "I missed my favorite show every week during basketball season because I felt obligated to go cheer for my boyfriend."

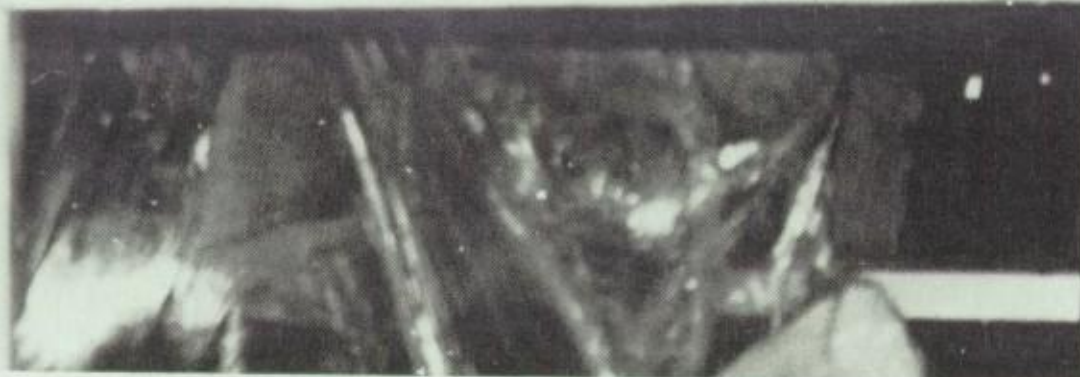
These sacrifices wer-

en't always rewarded with winning scores. Fans had to cheer on the teams even when they were losing. Fr. Carey Conner said, "It's really hard to cheer on a losing team but once you're there you have to cheer." Whether winning or losing, in rain or good weather, missing Moonlighting or a heavy date, the sportsmen of V.A.H.S. could always depend on their fans.



Left, right, left! Several members of the Panther band and flag corps perform faithfully during each half-time of every football game.





Let it rain! Fans from far and wide find it difficult to watch the game through sheets of rain AND plastic.

Those Who
Don't

Excuses

It's too cold, I can't find a babysitter, it's too far away. Whatever the excuse, for some reason or another you can't get to a game. For some people, the thought of missing a certain sports event is like that of death, to be avoided at all costs, but for others, a bath of molten lava could not keep them away from an athletic event. Sr. Lara Allen said, "After

being forced to go to all of the football games, there was no way I was going to spend my Tuesday nights in a stuffy old gym."

Whatever the reason, or excuse, there are a few people in the world (Yes, even in Van Alstyne) who have not spent at least one-third of their life in the stands cheering on their favorite team.

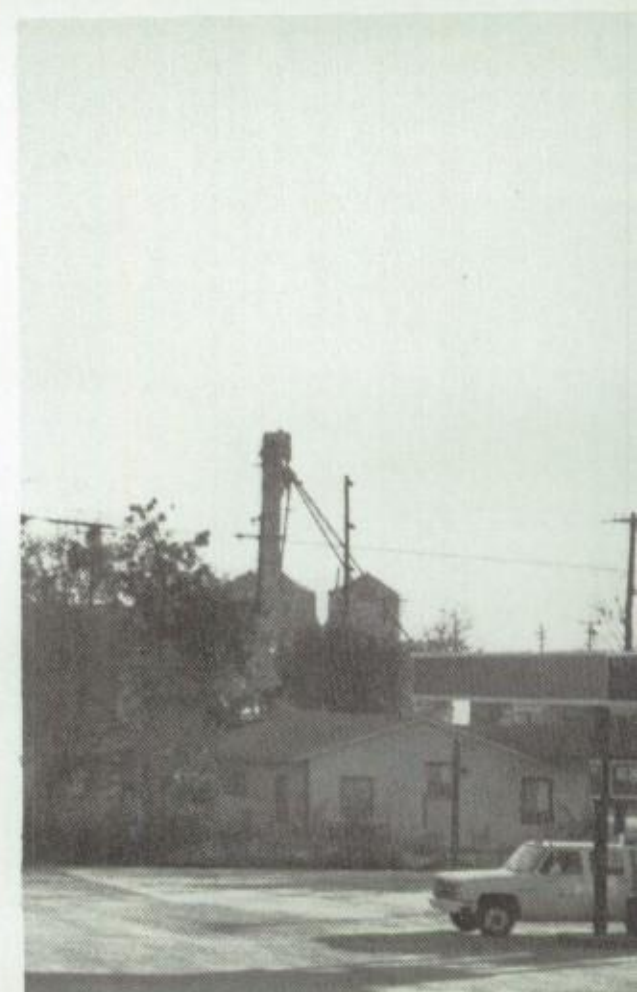


Please, not again. Football manager, Jim Trammel, conveys a look of worry during a close Panther game.

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Downtown Van Alstyne consists of many old buildings built in the late 1800's that still serve the community today.

Quick Check is one of the many businesses that is towered over by the Van Alstyne water tower.

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Frederic Laurant, a Rotary Exchange student from Belgium, was an asset to Van Alstyne during the 1986-87 school year. Throughout his stay, Frederic met many people. "Here, people are more friendly and more relaxed," said Frederic.

On the whole, Frederic found many benefits to the American way of living. "The crickets when they yell in the classroom," said Frederic was his greatest dislike.

SUMMING
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There it is! Frederic was caught looking for home in the school library's atlas. Belgium is 4,000 mls. away.



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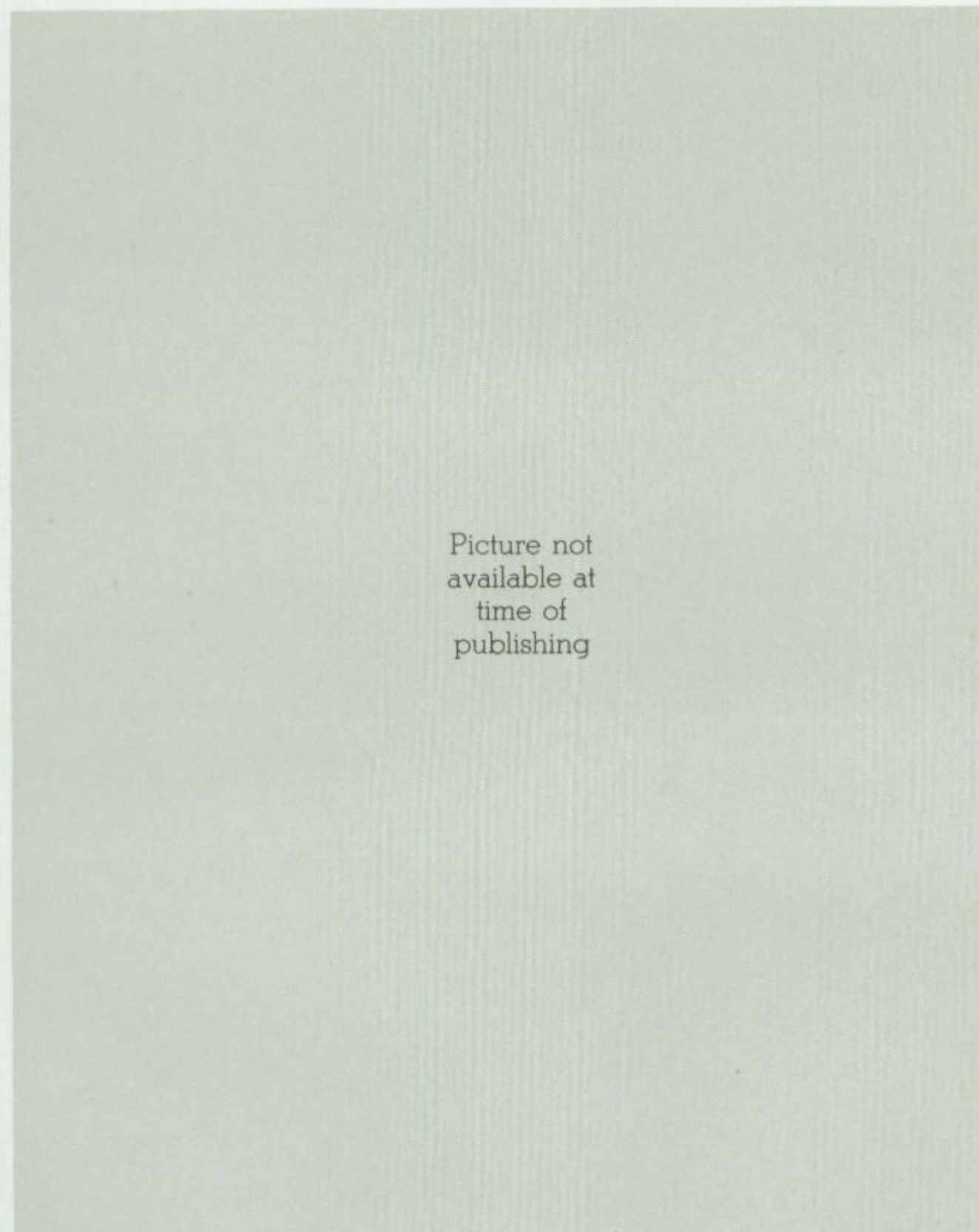
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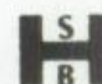
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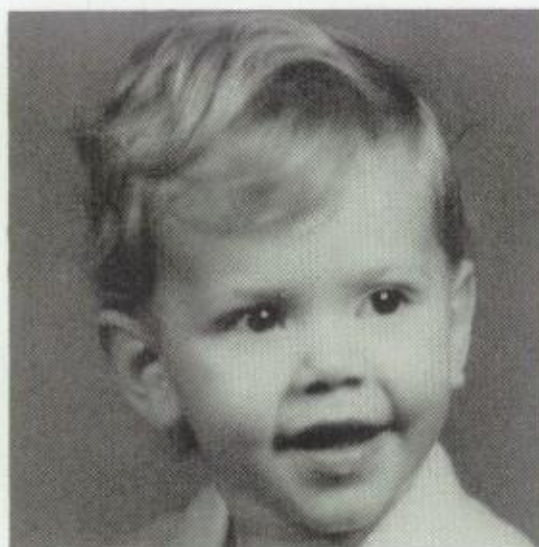
Fill'er up. Senior, Shelly Wilson, fills her car up with gas at the Quick convenience store, deli, and Exxon gas station.

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Laura Reynolds, a junior, moved here this year along with her father, mother, and sister, Robin, an 8th grader. The Reynolds, from San Antonio, relocated here after her father began work for North American in Irving.

Laura notes quite a few differences in Van Alstyne and San Antonio, probably the largest difference is the size. Laura said. "Van Alstyne is a lot smaller and everyone is so close, it really made it easy for me to start school here."

SUMMER
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"Let's go blue!" Laura Reynolds, a junior, yells at the pep rally, along with the other high-steps.



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Jennifer Morris moved here this year from Plano. She came with her parents and her sister, Marci North, who is in eighth grade this year.

One of the things Jennifer likes best about going to Van Alstyne High School is that it is so small that you can know everyone. The thing she likes least is that none of her friends from Plano are here.

If Jennifer gets involved in any extra-curricular activities, she would very much like to be a cheerleader.

SUMMING
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Jennifer Morris, a newcomer to Van Alstyne, makes an after school purchase at Tillett Grocery.



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VAN ALSTYNE HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR CLASS





The 1986-87 Speech and Drama club (pictured at left) was the first to use the new stage in the cafetorium for its Nov. 5, 6 play "The Timid Dragon", performed for the Gunter and Van Alstyne elementary schools. The new cafetorium was also used for their November 15, 1986-Dinner Theatre "Cheaper by the Dozen," which was performed on November 22 as well.

Lenore McKinney acts as the cook in the play "Cheaper by the Dozen."



Learn those lines! A backstage crew feeds the actors their unknown lines.



Inspection time! Fingernails are inspected at the Dinner-Theatre Nov. 15.

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Ninth grader Jeremy Bustillos moved here from Howe, Texas because his family wanted to live closer to where his father works.

Although Van Alstyne is larger than Howe, Jeremy's biggest regret is that Van Alstyne's band, which he takes part in, is not. Still, he enjoys living here because the people are so friendly. As of now, no one else in his family attends the Van Alstyne schools, but next year, his sister will start kindergarten.

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"So far it has been a fun and exciting year here." said Jeremy Bustillos, Fr.



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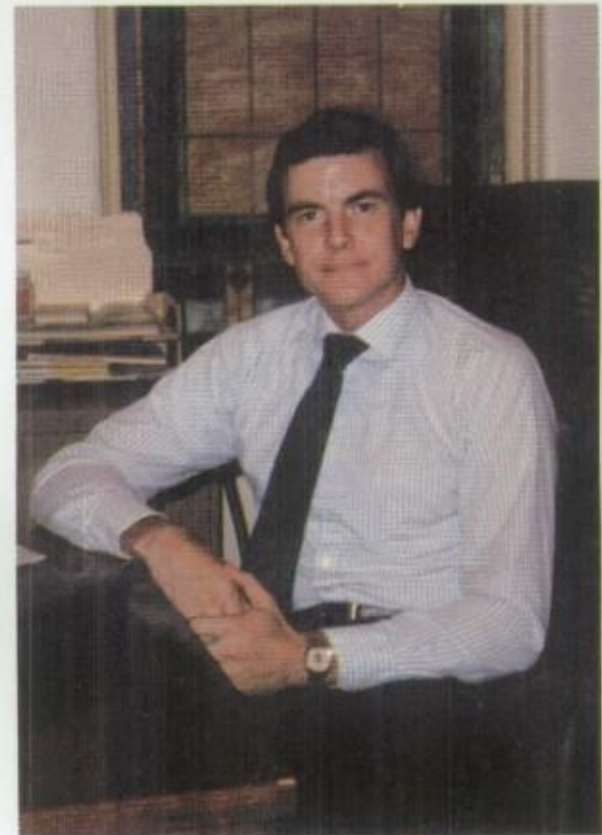
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He's our man. Scott Jordan has been pastor at First Baptist since 1978.



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The king's table? Doug Campbell enjoys being king for a day.



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Eighth grader Michelle Pagent moved here for the same reasons that many people do; the peaceful settled environment that Van Alstyne offers.

Although Van Alstyne is smaller than McKinney, the town she moved from, and doesn't offer as much entertainment, she enjoys attending school here because she feels that the teachers take more time to ensure that the students understand the lessons.

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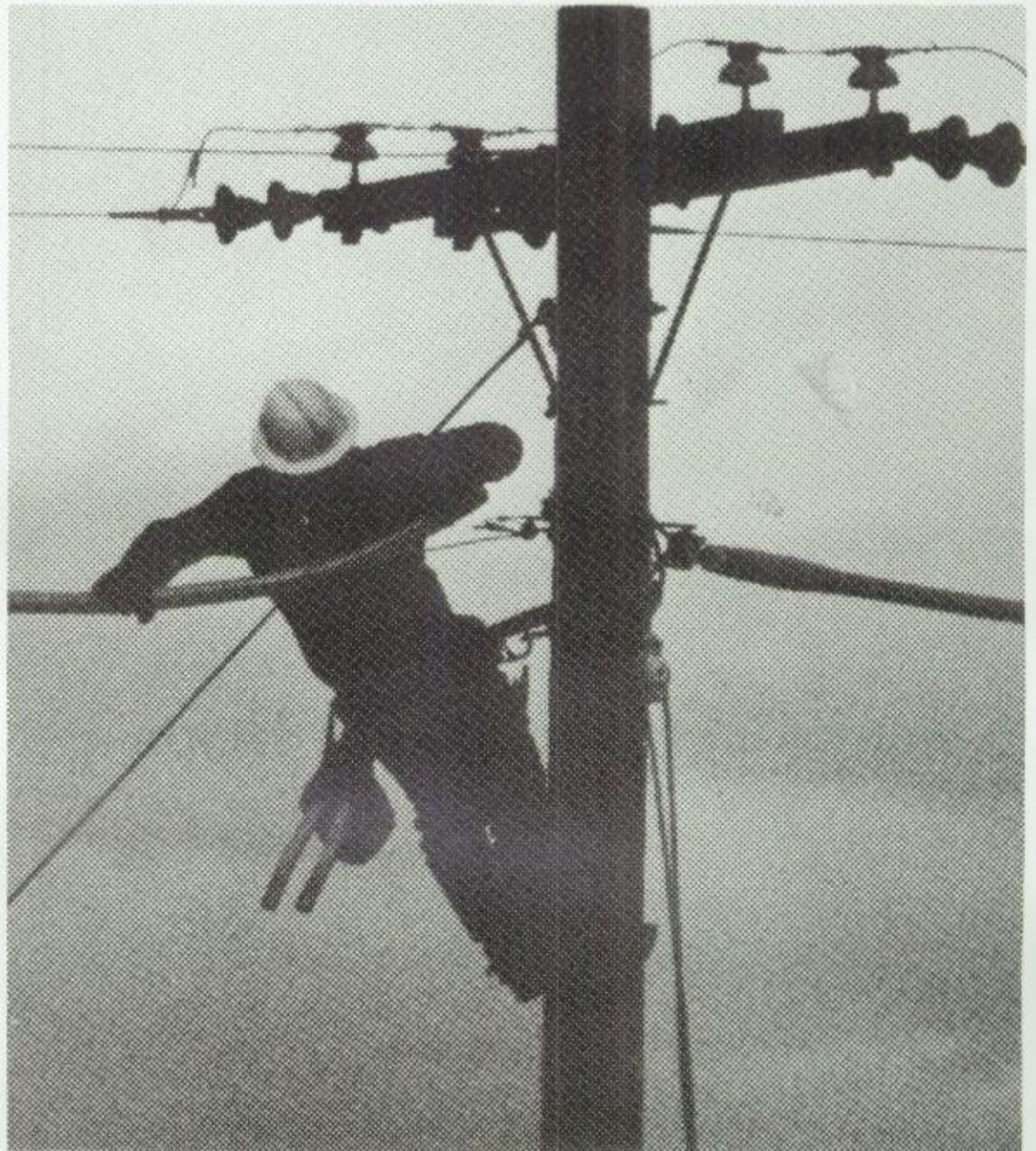
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Leanne Lay, a seventh grader, moved here this year, from Denison, Texas with her family. Leanne says that she likes her new home because it is near the park and some of her other family members already live in Van Alstyne. She also likes the school, Leanne said, "I like having homeroom at the end of the day and the teachers are really nice."

SUMMING
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Where is it? Leanne Lay scrounges in her locker for her daily homework assignments.



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No One Does It Like We Do

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Volume 74 of Van Alstyne High School's PAW was printed by Josten's Publishing Company, Box 1903, Topeka, Kansas. In Plant consultant was Vicki Broxterman.

The book size was 7 3/4" x 10 1/2". Two hundred thirty books with one hundred fifty-six pages were ordered with cost to the student being \$15.

Headlines were set by Josten's in Stymie. Body Copy was set in 10 point, caption copy was set in 9 point.

The staff designed cover was made Litho Process. Cover material was a white 470. Cover application is black medium blue and gold foil which was laminated with a clear plastic film.

Endsheets are white paper text with black and medium blue applied, different front and back.

Color pages consisted of

4 pages of Process Color in Multiple 15. Color processing was done by Mike King Photography, Box 1171, Commerce, Texas. All color is separated in house by laser scanner. Portraits were taken by Mike King Photography. Black and white photos were taken by the staff, Mike King Photography, Van Alstyne Leader, and Sherman Democrat. Processing was done by Mike King Photography, Mary Allen, Jim D'Avignon (Van Alstyne Leader). Mrs Miron Martin of Dallas offered the use of her estate, Double M Ranch, in Gunter, Texas, as the site of the Senior favorite pictures.

Producing an annual is a year long task that requires hard work and dedication from each staff member. Each member has specific duties that must be fulfilled in order to produce a unique, interesting book.

1987 marked a year in which these duties were fulfilled and a quality book was produced.

The production of an annual is no different from any other industry. There are always new, exciting changes to incorporate into each publication. Graphics, layout designs, and type styles were a few elements that we altered to make our publication revolve around the year's activities.

Our ultimate goal, as a staff was not only to produce a book that was enjoyable to the reader, but one that would reflect well on Van Alstyne by its success in state and nation wide yearbook competitions. In 1986, The Paw entered yearbook competition for the first time. It surprisingly took three first places out of the three competitions it entered. It received an ALL-TEXAS HONOR RATING

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Our goal, in 1987, was to meet the standards set in 1986 and surpass them. We believe we achieved our goal.

No One Does It Like We Do was the theme chosen by last year's yearbook staff. We not only felt it appropriate for Van Alstyne because of the success achieved through all areas of student life, but for the unique, energetic ways we chose to convey 1987 to you, the reader. I think it is only fitting to say **NO ONE DOES IT LIKE WE DO!**

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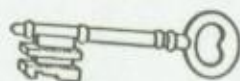
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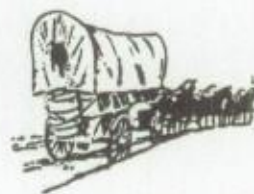
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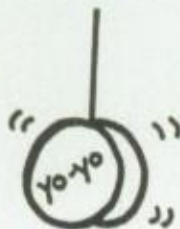
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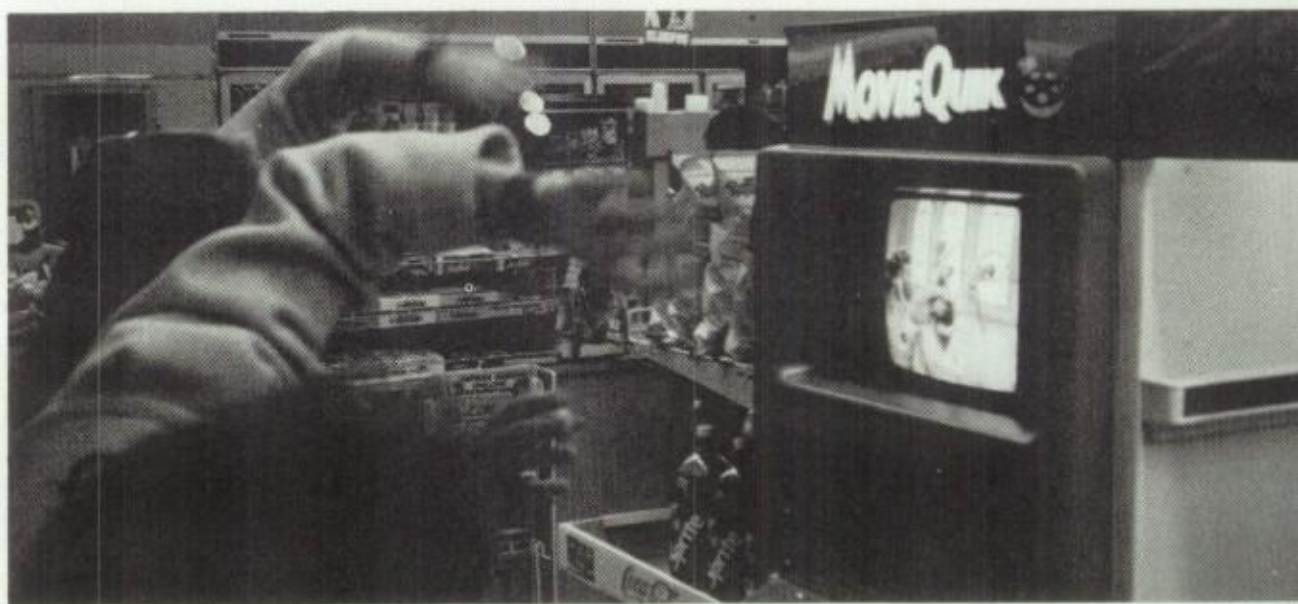
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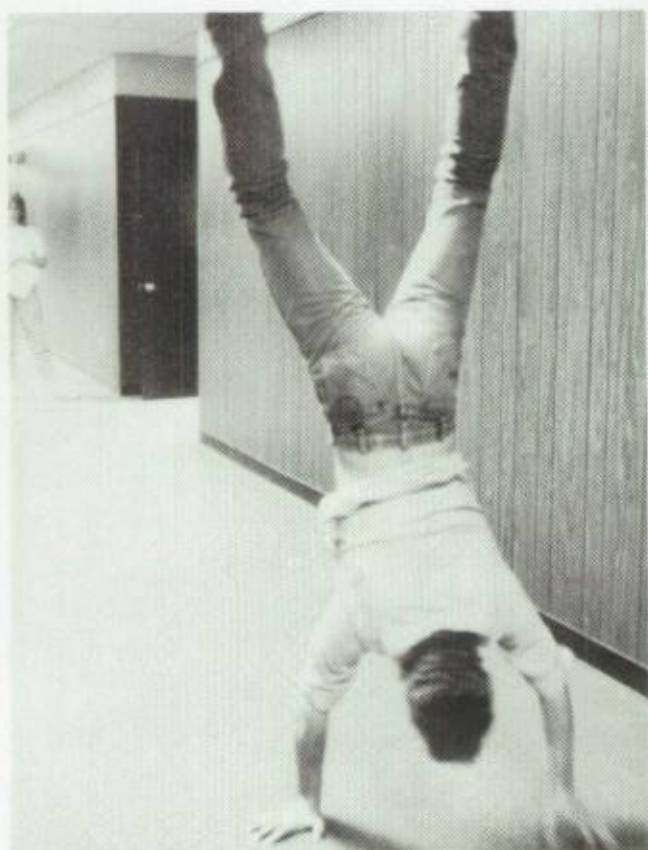
Convenience in every way! Two UNKNOWNS were found taking care of both fat cells and bedtime cravings at a local convenience store.



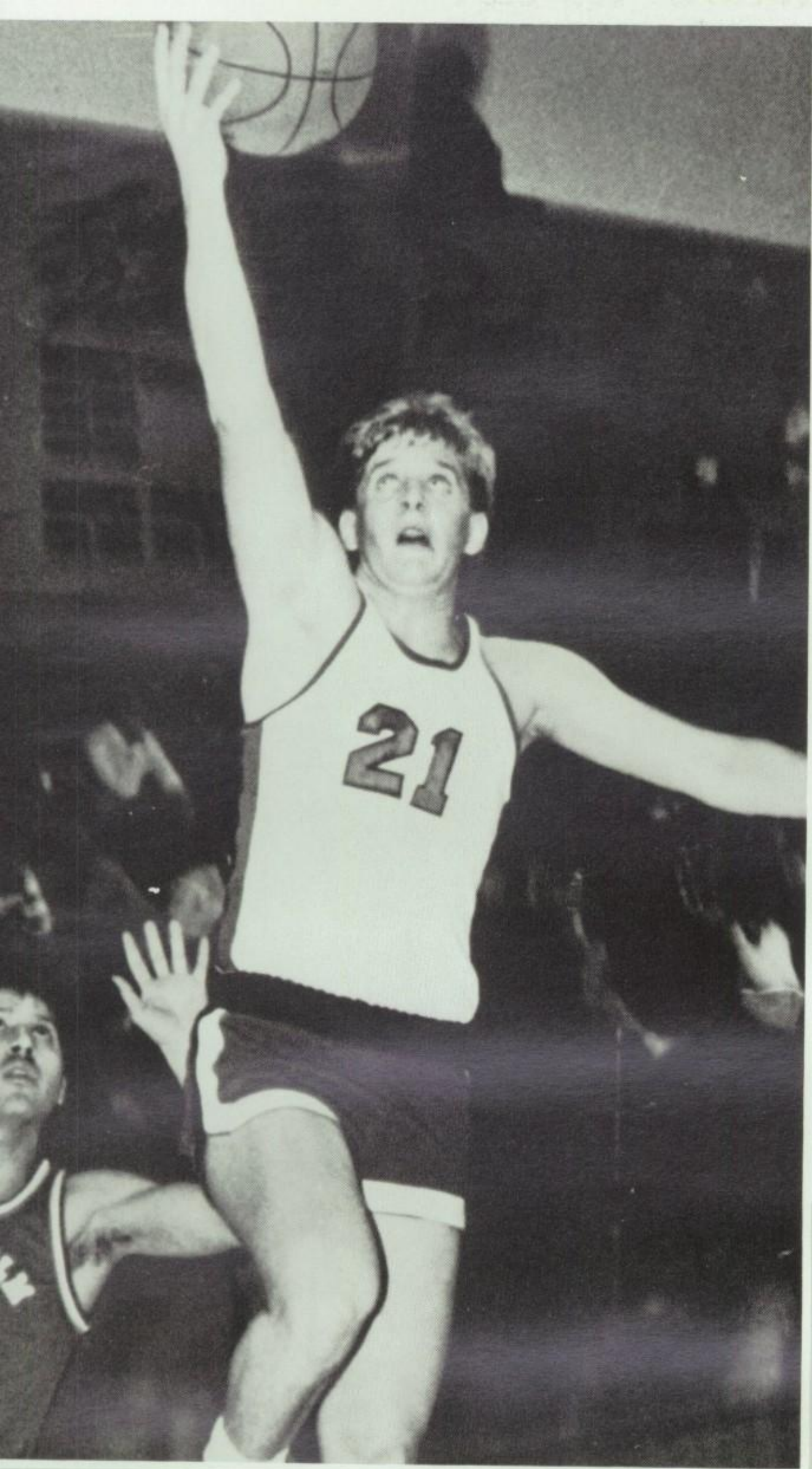
Touch up job! Srs. Marla Wise and Justin Buckner take a few minutes to put on the finishing touches before going on stage at U.I.L. one act play competition.



Tell me no! Jr. Candy Fairchild watches in disbelief as Sr. Tim Renneker makes his way to his next class in a style all his own.



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Van Alstyne 1987 After . . .

After returning from Christmas vacation, the realization that school was almost over hit us. We had accomplished a lot in the previous year, but there still remained several loose ends. All the spring sports were in progress, all the end-of-the-year banquets were left to attend, and most of all, the year had yet to produce its graduates.

Running on a record of performance, we knew we were destined for great success. Regional qualifiers in track, tennis, and golf and an unforgettable graduation showed we still possessed what it took to make it.

Eighty-six was good, but eighty-seven was even better. For it brought another year to a close with a style that no one else can compare.

Sky's the limit! Sr. Craig Page goes for two points during a district game against Little Elm. The Panthers beat the Little Elm Lobos 67-39.

One Last Look

Out and about! The reality that the students, faculty, and administration represented Van Alstyne in a way not known to man before is evident throughout the previous pages. Sr. Justin Buckner, English teacher, Mrs. Brenda Bonner, and Sr. Lara Allen give a lasting impression of their individuality in Austin at the U.I.L. State competition.



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was,
up a good friend
who I like friend
had some up alot,
I'm glad we were
friends, we still
in life, good luck

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Dellie

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Dear friend,
I hope that you are
well & happy. We are
all well here.
Love,
Mrs. S.

Jenni,
 To one of the
 coolest people
 I know! Jim
 glad you decided
 to come back
 to school here.
 I hope the story
 friends forever!
 Good luck with
 life and work!
 Stay cool and
 school!
 Love, F/F
 Jennifer
 Woodroof

Jenni,
 You a good friend
 & nice person.
 I hope you get
 everything out of
 life you want
 & enjoy it!
 Love, F/F

Jenni Mackay all the
 Best to you and
 my buds! You make
 a great couple!
 Love,
 W.

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TERRI,

I wish you the best
of luck in your last two
years of school. Don't
get lost in the big school
of Westminster!! You are
a good friend and I hope
we stay that way

Thomas
Brown

Terri

Jo A real sweet person
that I've known for a
long time stay sweet.
Good luck with what
ever you do in life and
good luck with Charlie.

SR '90 Love ya
your friend
Laflara

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